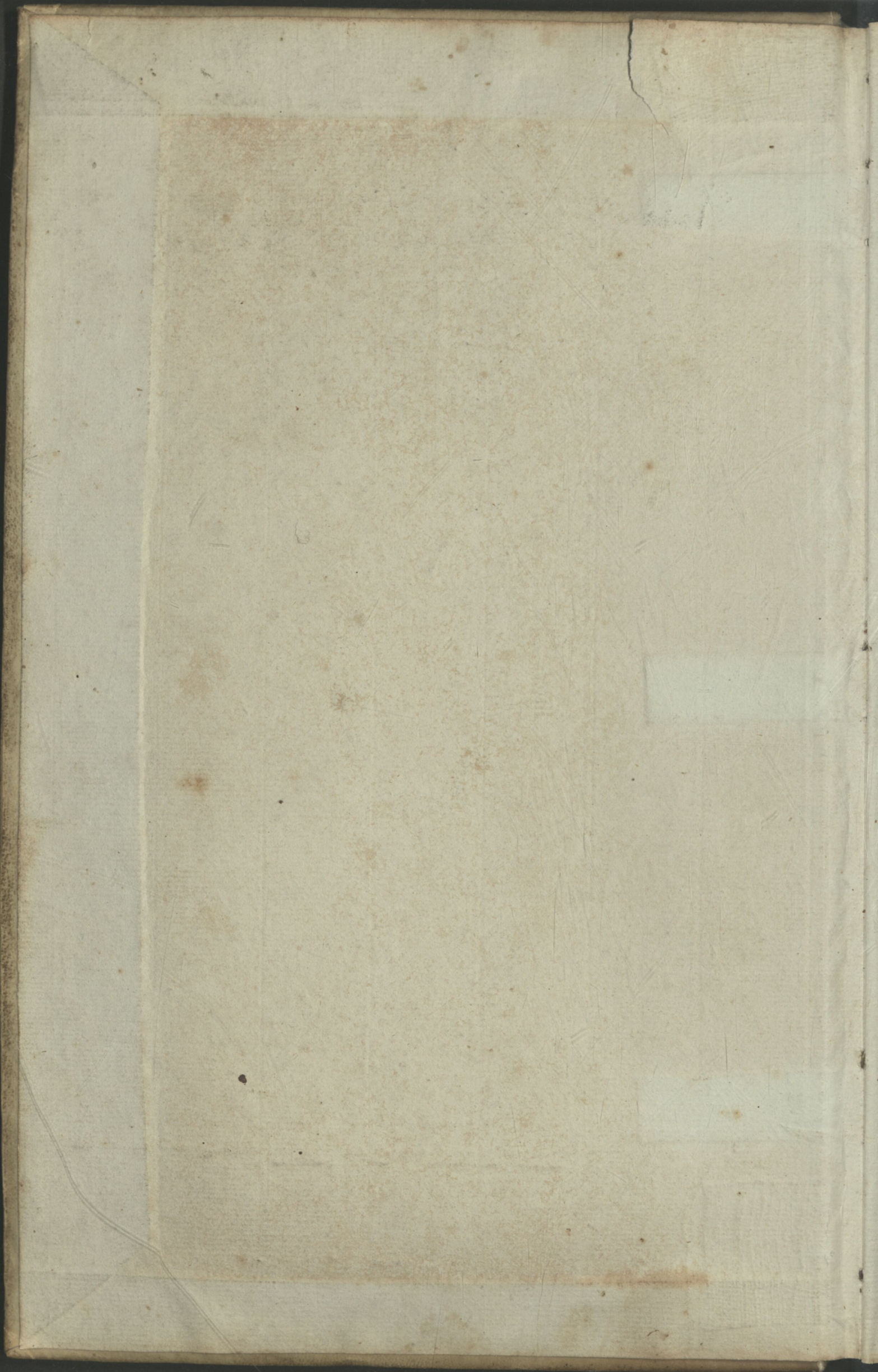


Ship... *"Darius"*.....
Capt.... *Paul West*.....
Years... *July 4-1808 to July 23-1810*



Presented by Henry A. Hunt
to William F. Macy - Jan. 1915

(Capt. Hunt died shortly afterward.)

The book was probably acquired by Capt. Hunt from
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Dec^m 1848
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A Journal of a voyage in Ship Cyrus for Cape Horn, Paul West

Monday 4 th July 1808	I have this day engaged to take charge of Ship Cyrus (lying in Watchiff cove Dock) to perform another voyage round Cape Horn in the South Whale Fishery, accordingly begun to put her in proper order for the voyage
Tuesday 5 th	all of this week the carpenters were employ'd caulked the
Wednesday 6	wheddings, fresh nailed the sheathing, caulked the seam under
Thursday 7	the bends fore and aft as well as every seam above it
Friday 8	on her sides as well as the deck, and begun to Copper her
Saturday 9	bottom with copper of 26-24 and 20 ounce of foot
Sunday 10	Sunday finished coppering and on Monday took the ship
Monday 11	out of dock with a gang of carpenters still at work
Tuesday 12	about the railing, bulwark &c likewise joiners at
Wednesday 13	bulk heading between decks and in the lower hold
Thursday 14	riggers employ'd at fitting the rigging, shipped W ^m Buckle
Friday 15	first Mate and Sam ^l Shrewsbury second Mate
Saturday 16	prepared to take in casks for Cape Horn &c
Sunday 17	very hot and dry weather all of this week took in part
Monday 18	of the ground ties and filled them with water
Tuesday 19	lifted the Mowsprit sent it on shore for repairs
Wednesday 20	had it repaired and took it on board again to its place
Thursday 21	employ'd the riggers to finish rigging the ship
Friday 22	the carpenters, joiners, caulkers, plumbers and riggers all
Saturday 23	at work together, as well as the Mates and labourers
	at taking in casks and stowing the Hold
Sunday 24	fair weather, shipped a great N ^o of hands but to
Monday 25	little purpose, finished stowing the ground ties, took in
Tuesday 26	most of our salt provisions and part of our bread
Wednesday 27	and stowed them away the riggers still niggling about
Thursday 28	the rigging without making a complete finish of
Friday 29	fitting the ship as she ought to be, with a few
Saturday 30	labourers and hands (upon trial) did what could be
	done towards stowing away below and preparing
	for the voyage

Ship Cyrus fitting at Ratcliff-croft Paul Hart Master

Sunday July 31 st	1	made but dull progress all of this week filled water
Monday Aug ¹	2	Mr. Sam ^l Chrensbury & mate left the ship
Tuesday	3	shipped Mr. J ^h Forbes in lieu, likewise shipped
Wed	4	several of the crew and employed them about the
Th	5	hold, set up the rigging &c. Joiners and Painters
Fri	6	all at work together
Sat	7	
Sun. Aug ⁷	8	Shipwrights Joiners and painters all still
Mon	9	employ'd about the ship, built the tryworks
Tu	10	took in all of our bread, Flour, Pease, Oatmeal, &
Wed	11	a great many Packs & straight hoops for them
Th	12	nearly filled the lower hold and began stowing between
Fri	13	decks took in our sea stock of Coals rode part of
Sat	14	the running rigging found its quality very indifferent
Sun. Aug ¹⁴	15	fair weather throughout this week but made very
Mon	16	dull progress towards getting to Sea, took in our spare
Tu	17	spar and stowed most of them between decks
Wed	18	took part of our stores on board and stowed them
Th	19	away accordingly, Mr. Buckle unwell off of duty
Fri	20	all the latter end of this week
Sat	21	kept shipping fresh hands every day
Sun. Aug ²¹	22	fair weather through the week finished taking
Mon	23	in our stores, Sails and almost every necessary
Tu	24	for the Voyage Mr. Buckle returned well enough
Wed	25	to do duty Mustered the crew outwards and on
Th	26	Friday unmoved at Ratcliff Croft, with a Pilot on
Fri	27	board dropt the Cyrus down into the Canal at
Sat	28	Black-wall where she lay windbound until Sunday ²⁸
Sunday August	29	with a gentle Westerly breeze unmoved at B-wall
		and dropt down to Gravesend and came too fast
		below the town, it being Sunday and not all of
		the crew on board could not pay the Ship and
		agree with the crew. Referred it to another day

Ship Cyrus from her moorings to the Downs Paul West.

Monday August	29 th light variable winds and fair weather, at 10 AM Mr. Mather (the Owner) came on board, and paid the river wages, and I shipped the greatest part of an able crew, advanced them money as articles and proceeded outward for Cape Horn, at Tide came too at the lower part of Gravesend reach & lay the latter part, winds from East to SE
Tuesday August	30 th moderate southerly winds & fair took our anchor and proceeded out of the River, the weather proving squally in the afternoon with fresh winds at SE to SSW came too (at sunset) the north side of Margate sand, on I water the North Foreland bearing SSE & lay the rest of the 24 hours
Wednesday August	31 st moderate winds in the SSW quarter at daylight took our anchor and proceeded for the Downs being ahead of the tide ply'd under the lee of Margate until noon then stood out and took the winds very fresh at SSW against which we ply'd up into the Downs and at 3 in the afternoon came too on I water the S Foreland lighthouse bearing SSW, Sand Sandown castle N W & took on board one new boat latter part strong winds and squally weather, down T.G. Yards, fore and aft
Thursday September	1 st strong winds at SSW and rugged weather laying still at anchor in the Downs the weather too rough to admit going on shore, took on board one boat and boat-stuff, cleared part of our lumber stowed the boat aboard and made every preparation for Sea Rec'd on board one Man, a landsman the winds and weather too boisterous to admit of my going on shore

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Ship Cyrus from the Downs towards Portsmouth, West

Friday September	2 ^d	Strong winds at SW and WSW with very squally weather lying in the Downs, at 8 A.M. struck adrift. Let go the best bower hove up and cleaved the larboard anchor at 4 P.M. took up the best bower and came too again with the larboard anchor Sandown Castle N.W. W. one & a half mile distance and the middle of Deal town W. N. E. on 7 th water came in the Charlton and several other vessels from the northward the wind continuing very fresh at WSW.
Saturday Sept ^r	3 ^d	light winds at West and fair throughout there ^H 2 ^d lying in the Downs waiting for a fair wind took on board some small boat stuff for repairs
Sunday Sept ^r	4 th	fresh Westerly winds and squally weather all the first part. at noon the wind veered as far as N.N.W. accordingly got under way in 6 with the Charlton, an armed brig, Ship London armed, and a Convoy to the westward, and steered out of the Downs by the South Foreland at 5 P.M. past Dover with a gentle breeze at N.W. W. W. at 10 the S ^e Foreland lights N.E. and Dungeness light W.N. stood off till midnight, then hoisted in with wind at West and fair weather, having scaled the guns and made every preparation for defence
Monday Sept ^r	5 th	brisk winds varying about the Western quarter and changeable weather sometimes clear and at other times thick & drizzly plying off Dungeness Fairleigh and Beachy Head, at 6 A.M. Dungeness bore North, 1 1/2 mile, at 3 P.M. having the wind brisk at SW could barely weather Beachy so tacked and stood off from Beachy Head N.N.E. one mile at 5 tacked and past Beachy, at 8 tacked and stood off till midnight, when Beachy bore N. 0.8 having strong double reef breezes at W.S.W. to W.N. and very squally weather saw five gun brigs

Ship Cyrus from the Downs towards Portsmouth, Port West
 Tuesday 6th September - very strong winds at West and heavy squalls
 plying to windward under a press of sail and in C^o with the (Charlton). Beachyhead in sight bearing from
 N E by E to E 30 S on our different tack, saw
 but very few vessels of any kind during this day
 at noon very heavy squalls of wind close reefed the
 Fore & Mizzen Sails, a schooner rigged vessel under
 the lee trying to get up to us at 6 P.M. strong
 close reef topsail breezes with rain, the wind
 varying in favour of the schooner enabled her to
 fetch very near us and from her appearance and
 manoeuvres we had every reason to think her a french
 privateer, accordingly got already run down to her
 with matches to the guns (in C^o with the (Charlton)) spoke
 and found her to be the ship of the British government
 bound to Portsmouth, hauled to the wind and stood
 off under three close reef topsails and two staysails
 until midnight then wore ship & stood in N N W
 with strong winds at West and thick dirty weather

Wednesday 7th September - fresh Westerly winds with thick weather (clearing
 a little at intervals) plying off New Shoreham
 at 9 A.M. Arundel bore N N E 2 1/2 miles distance
 ply'd off & on under ^{double} and sometimes close reef topsails
 at 1 P.M. saw the Owers light vessel West of us
 at 6 the light bore N E, saw Dunnoe W 35 N
 stood off and on all the latter part having very
 strong winds and some heavy squalls from
 W S W

Thursday 8th September - Commences strong winds at W S W with heavy squalls
 at 5 A.M. Dunnoe N N W 4 leagues distant in
 for St. Helens & after passing Rembridge Pt. buoy
 took a Pilot and ran into Portsmouth and came to
 at the Mother bank on 7 water in company with
 the East India (outward-bound) fleet
 I called on board of H. M. S. Revenge and Rec^d
 instructions and put my ship under Convoy for the
 E. Indies, South Whale fishery, &c. winds strong at S W

Ship Cyrus at Portsmouth for convoy Paul & A. D. Master

Friday 9th strong winds at S W with dirty squally weather
laying at the mother bank preparing for sea
myself on shore part of the time on Ship's Duty
try'd to set up the rigging but the rain wet it fast

Saturday 10th light S E winds and dirty rainy weather
employ'd at arranging our boats and spare spars
as necessary for convenience

Sunday 11th moderate Westerly winds and some squalls of rain
throughout these 24 hours, found some of our Guns
wet, discharged all of them and kept them hoisted
on landing at Portsmouth met with Mr. J. C. Matthes
who paid us a visit on board at the Mother bank

Monday 12th light variable winds and wet weather with some
squalls throughout these 24 hours, have shot &
with a half table purchase took our anchor to
the Bow found it clear and came too as before
one Convoy sailed to the Eastward, and two others lying
ready to improve an Easterly wind one of them for
the South Atlantic with which I shall sail, and
the other for Quebec & America. wind S E

Tuesday 13th moderate winds at East and rainy weather
all the fore part, middle part. Light wind at
North & N W no convoy attempted to sail
procured a fresh supply of water and took sundry
necessary articles on board from Portsmouth

Wednesday 14th moderate winds in the Western and N W quarter
throughout these 24 hours lying still at the
Mother bank for a convoy without any apparent
movement amongst the Indiamen or Commodore
for sailing past too & from Portsmouth as usual

Ship *Cyprus* on sailing from Portsmouth for Cape Horn, *West*
 Thursday 15th *Sept* in first part moderate winds at N N W and North
 middle and latter part gentle breezes at E N E and
 fair weather. The Convoys bound to Newfoundland and
 America, and the Mediterranean both got under way and
 steered for the Needles with a favourable breeze at E N E
 but our noble Convoy for the East Indies and Southern
 Whale fishery did not show the least inclination to move
 took on board the remaining part of our stock of potatoes
 and vegetables as well as hogs, making them five in all.

Friday 16th *Sept* Gentle breezes at East and fair weather at 8 A.M.
 our commodore made signal for sailing at 9 signal to
 unmoor, at noon to weigh leewardmost first &c
 accordingly most of our fleet weighed and ply'd up from
 the Mother-bank and came too at Spithead, having
 moderate winds at N E and very fair weather
 settled my affairs on shore and with a Pilot at 2 P.M.
 began my voyage by following the orders of the Commodore

Saturday 17th *Sept* brisk breezes at N E and clear pleasant weather
 at daylight by signal from the *Revenge* we weighed
 and sailed outward by the East End of Isle of Wight
 under Convoy of H.M.S. *Revenge* and East India Fleet
 of Nine sail, and Seven other vessels making in all
 a fleet of seventeen sail, the detention occasioned
 by the E.I. ships laying aback with small
 craft along side prevented our getting past *St Albans*
Point before 3 P.M., then bore up and steered W N W
 & W N W, at 6 the Needles lighthouse bore N N E and
St Albans head N W N W steered down channel
 with a brisk breeze at E N E at midnight saw
Portland lights N N E

Ship Cyrus from Portsmouth down channel, Paul West

Sunday 18th Gentle breezes at S E and cloudy weather
 all the fore part middle part light winds
 varying round the Eastern quarter. latter part
 light airs and calm had some difficulty to keep clear
 of the large ships, although the weather has
 been clear all of this day we did not see any
 land at 6 P M judge the Star. N E 12 Leagues
 Obs Lat 49° 42'

Monday 19th light winds in the Northern and N W quarter
 with very fine pleasant weather all the first
 and middle part of these 24 hours standing to
 the West and W S W by the wind until 6 P M
 when the wind veering W by back'd ship to the N
 all the latter part, saw several strange sail in the
 Southern quarter six, and to the N two four vessels
 at 6 P M by calculation the Logard bore N 50 E
 from which I take my departure { its Lat 49° 57'
 (and Long 5° 14'
 Dist 26^{ls} by which the ship is in { Lat 48° 45'
 Lat Obs at Noon 48° 53' { Long 5° 59'

Tuesday 20th first part light winds in the S W quarter
 varying round to the Southward with very fair
 weather the Fleet continuing standing to the
 Westward by the wind our commodore frequently
 making signals to and communicating with
 the Indiamen, at 7 A M he made signal
 for the Asia to lead the Convoy, at 10 he resumed
 his station again and continued steering W by S
 all the remaining part of these 24 hours
 At Noon Obs Lat 48° 43'
 — — — Long — 7° 30'

Ship Cyrus from England to Madeira, Paul West Master

Wednesday 21
September
brisk winds varying between SSE and SSW with
a short sea on from the Wind steering WWS
in Co with the fleet keeping them company under
easy sail saw three strange sail in the Southern
Quarter, by changing the colour of the Sea from
green to blue causes it to appear natural
employ'd as necessary unburnt and stowed our cables &c.
Obs Lat 48-00 Longitude 10-01

Thursday 22
Sept
brisk Southerly winds and lowry weather steering
West 2 WWS by the wind in Co with the fleet
middle part thick rainy weather with fresh
winds at South, at 4 A.M. calm, latter
part light variable air and calm at 7 AM
the effect of current set the Cyrus very near
the Revenge, down boat and with the help
of two boats from the Revenge, towed the
Cyrus clear of the fleet
At noon Obs Lat 47-21 Long 11-15

Friday 23
Sept
Commences light variable winds and calm
Towed a boat and boarded the (Charlton) at 2 PM
took a breeze from the NNW steered WSW
middle part strong winds and squally, latter part
very fresh single reef breezes carrying double reefs
in the Topsails, and the Fleet all dragging on
with Topgallantails set found our fleet reduced
to the W of thirteen all included, having lost sight
of four sail by their dull sailing
at 10 AM the Commodore made signal for the
Fleet to Rendezvous at Madeira
with strong Equinoxial gales at NE ends these 24
Obs Lat 45-29 Long 13-27

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Ship Cyrus from England to Madeira, Paul West

Saturday 24th Sept^r strong gales at N E and smart squalls of wind
shifting W S W and S W W throughout these
24 hours went down all three Top gallant yards
shortened in our sail until reduced to a double
reeft Main topsail only, the commodore frequently
heaving too for the fleet to keep together
the Sea very high and irregular caused the
Cyrus to ship much water so as to prevent any
considerable duty being done about deck
towards the latter part found our fleet to consist
of one ship more than it did yesterday, being in all
Fourteen Sail of Ships, Nine of them Indiamen
Obs Lat 42-39 Long by DR 15-43

Sunday 25th Sept^r strong Equinoctial gales at N E and dirty W^{ind}
with an ugly high cross sea running which
caused the Cyrus to wallow about in it as if
she was not larger than a boat of Ten Tons,
carried but very little sail, sometimes a close
reeft main topsail only, sometimes barely a Foresail
and then Foresail & Main topsail which
some of the Indiamen had Top gallant sails set
over single reefed Topsails, there S W the
first 8 hours and S W W the other 16 hours
by some unfortunate accident lost all the male
Swine that we brought from England
the weather so boisterous as to oblige us to
keep the deadlights shut in all the last 48 hours
Obs Lat 39-56 Long 16-50 by DR

Ship Cyrus from England to Madeira, Paul West

Monday
Septth

26th the fore part of these 24 hours we had but little wind, but the sea still continuing to run too high and irregular to allow our deadlights to be taken in or the decks to keep dry, carrying but three topsails the rest of the fleet with their light sails set at 8 P.M. some rain afterwards it cleared and blew a brisk breeze at N.E. all the 24 hours steered steadily S.W. by S. at 6 A.M. saw two strange sail in the Eastern g^{ts} did not speak them, at 10 another brig S.E. which our commodore overhauled, at noon very pleasant weather having parted Co. with one of the Indiamen in Lat 40° OBS Lat 37-20 Long 17-18 by D.R.

Tuesday
Septth

27th brisk winds at N.E. and open cloudy weather throughout these 24 hours steering S.W. by compass in Co. with the India Fleet; saw no strange sail the weather being fair spread most of our light sails to the wind, which soon ran the Cyrus far ahead of the Fleet, which caused the Commodore to fire a gun, with a signal for me to shorten sail and close the Convoy, however accordingly spoke the Charlton found she had been propped by a sea in the late gales and filled her cabin with water, likewise that they had this day lost one man by falling from aloft saw no kind of fish and no more birds than one hawk and a land-bird try'd to obtain a lunar Observation but could not get both Sun and Moon clear at one time OBS Lat 35-17 Long 17-57

Ship Cyrus from England to Madeira, Paul West

Wednesday 28th
Sept^r

brisk breezes at N E with open cloudy Wth
steering S W B W all these 24 hours.
the dull ships of the Fleet crowding all sail
at 6 A M a strange sail W N W the Com^{dr}
made signal for the Asia to lead the fleet and
stood towards the strange sail which proved
to be the Indiaman that parted with the
fleet in Lat 40-00, she joined us and at 8 saw
Porto Santo Is^l bearing W 15 S 15 Leagues Dist
at noon Porto Santo W N W 7 or 8 Leagues
our Obs Lat 33-16 Long 18-28 S R

Thursday 29th
Sept^r

brisk winds in the N E quarter with some
squalls steering S W B W at 2 P M on
passing Porto Santo saw Madeira West of us
steered W S W and W N W with the fleet and part
between the Deserters and Madeira and ply'd off
and on abreast of Funchal whilst I went
on board the Revenge and made application for
permission to part with the Conway which permission
I obtained, and the same time the Commodore sent
his boat to the Cyrus and took a boatsteerer out of
her, for which I immediately apply'd to Capt. Bager
but he would not see me, and sent his boat the
second time and took another of my crew, which of
course left my ship unfit to proceed on her voyage
accordingly laid off and on the ensuing night
the Fleet all at anchor except the Charlton
who rec^d the same treatment as myself
several other vessels arrived during this day

Ship Cyrus at and leaving Madeira for Cape Horn & West

Friday
Sept 30

30th brisk winds (in the offing) at N E although but little wind and variable under the lee of Madeira laid off and on under easy sail and apply'd for my Men on board the Revenge until noon when Capt. Paget thought proper and released them took them on board and at 5 in the afternoon with a little breeze at N E and E N E fired a Gun, display'd our ensign and made all sail upon the S W point of the Compass, after having been detain'd under the lee of Madeira 48 hours took nothing on board but a bottle Wine, peaches oranges, apples grapes and some binnacle glass

Saturday
October 1st

1st brisk N E winds and fair weather through the day at 6 P M Sea Lt. Funchal bore N E 3 leagues distance from which I take my departure its being in Lat 32-38 North and Long 17-05 West steered S W keeping company with the Charlton without carrying any light sails upon the Cyrus being very busily employ'd at fitting our winding cable purchases and riging our boats & craft as well as netting our vegetables in the Cabin
Obs Lat 30-47 Long S D R 18-03
By Chronometer 18-50

Sunday
Oct 2nd

2nd brisk winds and fair at N E still continuing steering S W without any studding sails or royals set in Co with the Charlton at 8 A M saw the Island of Palma bearing E S E distance 17 or 18 leagues, at Noon saw Ferro S E by S the winds at this time light and varying about the South & Western quarter with some mist, found the Long given by the Chronometer to be too much by 52'-00"
Obs Lat 28-27 Long of Canaries 18-52

Ship Cyrus from England for Cape Horn, Paul West

Monday 3rd light winds varying repeatedly all round the compass
October and calms, steering S.W. having the Island of
Ferro in sight all these 24 hours bearing from
S.S.E. to East and at noon at the distance of
18 or 20 leagues saw a strange Ship in the
Western quarter which we past without noticing
the Charlton in C^o unable to keep up with me
Employ'd at placing and repairing the waist boat
fitting our cutting gear, at making Points & as Nees.
OBS Lat 27-36 Long 19-06

Tuesday 4th light variable airs and calm throughout
Oct these 24 hours making the best of our way
to the S.W. but without being able to get
the Island of Ferro below our Horizon
at noon it bore East by compass 20 dist.
the strange sail in sight bearing North
Employ'd placed the waist boat & as Nees.
OBS - - Lat by DR 27-29 Long by Ferro 19-09

Wednesday 5th light winds in the Southern and S.W. quarter
Oct all these 24 hours plying by the wind on
the most advantageous tack at 6 P.M. the
Island of Ferro was still in sight bearing
E.S.E. 25 Leagues, lost sight of the
strange sail in the Northern quarter
employ'd occasionally at points, boat, skids
and tubs, buckets &c, at noon nothing in
sight but the Charlton (By DR 19-55
OBS Lat 26-48 Long (by Chron 20-53-30

Ship Cyrus from England for Cape Horn, Paul West

Thursday
October

6th light winds varying all round the compass and calm, the winds for the most part blowing from the Southward and S.W. quarter with which we stood to the W. by the wind and steered S.W. when possible in Co. with the Charlton, saw nothing else during this day employ'd about sundries of duty, at points, spungarn, line tubs, boat kegs, and skidding the quarter boats, making sinnet, Lancewarp, &c.
Obs Lat 26-27 Long S R 20-04

Friday
Oct

7th light winds springing up at N.W. and veering round the North to N.E. blowing a gentle breeze all the 24 hours steering S.W. in Co. with the Charlton, the weather appearing very trade like, employ'd occasionally overhaul'd all of our sails &c. &c. as necessary
Obs Lat 24-27 North Long 1 by Chr^m 21-15
by S R 21-15

Saturday
Oct

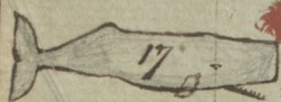
8th brisk N.E. trades and smoaky weather all the first part, latter part less winds varying between E.N.E. and E.S.E. continuing to steer S.W. without alteration seeing nothing but the Charlton which the Cyrus still keeps the better of in point of sailing employ'd very busily at sundry parts of Ships duty
Obs Lat 21-23 Long 1 by S R 22-39
by Chr^m 23-13-15

Ship Cyrus from England for Cape Horn. Paul West

Sunday 9th light winds varying about between E S E and N E with remarkable hazy weather steering S W in E with the Charlton the surface of the sea very smooth, but nothing in sight, but a few porpoises carried all sail without going much ahead of the Charlton
Lat by OBS 20-13 - Long by Chr^m 23-21
23-55

Monday 10th light winds varying about the N E and Northern quarter with very hazy weather all the first and middle part, latter part brisk trades at N E continued steering S W the Charlton dropping astern, saw nothing but a shoal of killers and small fish bonitors &c
OBS Lat 18-35 Long { D R 24-07
Chr^m 25-09

Tuesday 11th brisk trades at about N E and hazy weather steered S W W until 8 P M then W S W with all studdingsails in until 2 A M when being in Latitude of St Antonio and seeing nothing in a fair moonlight night hauled up S W and at 6 A M or at daylight saw the Island of St Antonio bearing N 60° W the Vincent 56 M and St Lucia South hauled up to S E and past between St Lucia and St Nicholas, steered South, at 10 A M when the N W point of St Nicholas bore N 20° E and the S E point E B N nearest land 4 leagues saw a small shoal of sperm whales, down 3 boats and with much ado struck only one which by 5 in the afternoon we had on board, saw a ship in the N W 7th - steered S W - Lat 16-30, Long 24-40



Ship Cyrus from England for Cape Horn, Port West

Wednesday
October

12th Brisk winds in the N E quarter. steered S W
65 miles from St Nicholas then haul'd up S W
and ran 20 miles when at 7 A M saw one
large sperm whale reconnoitred him with a
great prospect of good success when to my
great astonishment he started and run off
towardward without ~~letting~~ any alarm
at 9 saw the Charlton N W continued in
pursuit of our game until 10 when all
hopes were given up, and made all sail as
before. S W at noon saw the Island
of Brava E S E 12 leagues spoke
the Charlton and saw a strange ship in
the Western g^t standing to the N W
Obs Lat 15-10 Long 15° Brava 25-05
Ch^{rn} 26-32

Thursday
October

13th The winds varying about the N E quarter
sometimes light inclining to calm, and at other
times so fresh as to drive us 9 knots, steering S W
and S W the Charlton still in sight
employ'd finished boiling out our whale and
stowed it into the ground tier making the
quantity of seventeen barrels
Lat 13-20 North Long by DR 25-13

Friday
October

14th Brisk winds in the N E and Eastern g^t
and very fair weather steering S S W with all
sail set, discovered our Fore topmast to be sprang
so as to oblige us to reduce the sail upon it
the Charlton in sight S W N 30 E 5 leagues
employ'd at points altering the Mizzen &c
by a good Amp found the Var 20-19 Westerly
by OBS found Lat 10-24 Long Lunar 24-57 45
Ch^{rn} 25-01-30
DR 25-13-00

Ship Cyrus from England for (Horn, Paul West)

Saturday 15th October brisk winds in the Eastern quarter with some squalls with rain all the fore part latter part having but little wind a calm sent down all the yards and masts over the foretop and finding the foretopmast very badly sprung almost irreparable kept it on deck and sent up a new foretopmast, crossed the yards and set the sails as before but without the benefit of our late trade or any other wind saw nothing during the day although the weather very clear at times

Obs Lat 8-11 N. Long by DR 25-19

Sunday 16th October
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 The first part calm middle part took a light air at West which varied round the Northern to the N E quarter with very heavy N E trade like W. at 6 A M on coming upon deck I ordered two of my apprentices up to set the Main royal, and walked up after myself. They had not been long aloft when one of them call'd (hoist the royal) and the helmsman stepped along to the halcyards and hoisted a pull without looking aloft, and at the same instant the boy on the Main I M crossrees called out loudly, which caused me to start round, and observe one of them J^r Jackson flying as a bird in the air, coming from the Royal crossrees down upon deck. It appears that he had loos'd the royal and was making fast the gaskets when the yard was hoisted suddenly and threw him backwards clear of everything until he came down below the Main top, then falling into the bight of the signal halyard that happened to have loose turns round a batten and rendering as he descended broke his fall wonderfully until as low as the leading blocks, then the signal halyards parted, and

Ship comes from England for (Horn) Paul West Master

Sunday

and of course the boy fell upon deck, striking upon his side and back flat upon the deck, I took him up and put him in an easy posture, and before I could get a Lancet to him (which was done in less than one minute) he recovered so well as to make any such assistance unnecessary, and I was extremely happy and very agreeably disappointed to see the boy (five minutes after his fall from the Main Royal yard down upon deck) walk away as deliberately as usual and perform his Sundays duty as if nothing particular had happened

OBS Lat 7-48 Nth, Long { by Chr 24-57
by DR 25-19

Monday
October

17th light N E trade winds and clear but smoky trade like weather, steering S B W as usual set up all the fore rigging made joints, found a very bad stop round the bowsprit for the bobstay to set up to, was oblig'd to take it off and interfere with our W Table stop stuff for a better one

OBS Lat 6-48 Long { by Chr 24-39-15
by DR 25-22

Tuesday
Oct

18 light baffling winds mostly in the Northern and eastern quarters steering S B W with all conven-ent sail set most of the 24 hours

latter part the winds prevailed round the Sth quarter with steady Rain, which oblig'd us to tack ship to the S E the winds very light made but dull progress on my passage saw nothing about us but dolphin & albacores the weather too wet and dirty for performing the duty of which we still have much to do

No OBS Lat by DR 5-44 Long by DR 25-30

Ship Cyrus from England for Cape Horn, Paul West

Wednesday 19th October
 first part light variable airs from the NW and
 SSW and calm leaded to the SE by the wind
 middle part rainy at 4 AM took a light wind
 at SSE with which we stood to the NW by the
 wind made all sail, the weather not unlike a SE trade
 caught one porpoise, saw nothing else, employ'd at points
 &c as very necessary
 OBS Lat 5-15 North, Long { by Chronometer 24-59-65
 by DR 25-39

Thursday 20th October
 very light variable airs and for the most part a
 profound calm, when any wind stirred South
 having constant showers of rain through the day
 saw nothing, employ'd preparing points for the
 new Topsails at making spungarn &c as necessary
 OBS Lat by DR 5-05 Nth Long { by Chron 25-06-00
 by DR 25-43-

Friday 21st October
 very light variable winds and calm with showers
 of rain, the winds for the most part in the South-
 ern quarter stood to the ESE by the wind
 by our Lat I find myself set to the N^W (by a
 current) about 30 miles during the last 48 hours
 saw nothing but a few porpoises & small fish
 employ'd at preparing new Topsails for bad weather
 OBS Lat 5-10 Nth Long { by DR 25-37
 by Chron 24-44-30

Saturday 22nd Oct^r
 light winds varying about the Southern quarter
 with heavy showers of rain and calms laying (for
 the most part of the day) entirely still having so
 little wind as not to be able to change our ground
 much any way, with what wind there was we ply'd
 to windward occasionally, saw nothing but small fish
 the weather too wet for our sails
 OBS Lat 4-35 Nth Long { by Chron 24-43-15
 by DR 25-37

Obs 10-27 1844

Ship Cyrus from England for Cape Horn Paul West Master

Sunday
October

23rd the fore part of these 24 hours we took a moderate breeze at S S E which increasing became a brisk (trade-like) wind, with which I made the best of my way to the S W with nearly all sail set throughout the 24 hours, without any material occurrence the weather too cloudy and the Moon too obscured for any Lunar observation to be made
OBS Lat 3-24 Nth Long { by L^{un} 25-34-15
by D R 27-08-00

Monday
Oct -

24th brisk winds at about S R E throughout these 24 hours standing to the S W R W close by the wind with all sail set, the sea very irregular and short prevented our making so good way as might have been expected. latter part clear weather which favoured me not only to forward our new sails but to get the Longitude by two sets of good Lunar observations (each set five sights) likewise the Long by chronometer the mean of which I note at the bottom
OBS Lat 2-24 Nth Long { by Lunar 27-03-00
by Chr^m 27-36-00
by D R 28-37-00

Tuesday
Oct -

25th gentle S S E trades and fair trade-like weather standing to the S W and S W R S close on a wind with all jibs, staysails, and main royal set well employ'd at fitting our new sails for bad Wⁱⁿ at making robes, points, mats. Spungarn sinnet &c. &c. as highly necessary saw nothing about us although our Longitude differs but very little from St. Pauls Island and at 6 this afternoon we were in its Lat
OBS Lat 1-15 Nth Long { by Chr^m 28-01-30
by D R 29-35-00
the weather becoming cloudy prevented an OBS for the Longitude

Ship *Cyrus* from England for Cape Horn & West

Wednesday 26 October moderate trades at S E and S E by S standing to the S W and close on a wind with all sail set, crossing the Equator about three hundred miles farther to the W than where vessels usually cross when bound to the S Seas
 OBS Lat 00-07 S. Long { by Lunar 28-51-45
 by Chron 28-45-15
 by D R 30-32-00

Thursday 27 Oct strong topgallant trades and equally most of the 24 hours standing close on a wind heading S W and sometimes S 27 W against a head sea carrying all possible sail saw nothing but a few flying fish employ'd at sundries, making robins, spungarn, &c
 OBS Lat 2-07 South. Long { by Chron 29-29-15
 by D R 31-37 ~

Friday 28 Oct brisk trades at S E by S and sometimes at S E standing close by the wind S W by S and S W with topgallant sails set throughout these 24 hours saw nothing about the ship, employ'd all hands as usual, at robins spungarn, mch, &c &c as necessary at noon we were in Lat of Ferdinand de Noronha Is, the weather very clear and fair but not a bird or any other sign of the Land to be seen
 OBS Lat 3-56 S. Long { by Chron 30-23-15
 by D R 32-32-00

Saturday 29 Oct fresh trades at S E all the fore part, and fair weather, middle and latter part brisk trades at S E by E with light squalls being as much as we could carry topgallant sails to, steering S S W by W as near as possible to the wind, employ'd occasionally at sinnet, robins, spungarn, rounding the topmast rigging &c saw nothing, shifted a main top sail it being the first and only top sail unbent on the passage
 OBS Lat 5-58 S. Long { by Chron 31-14-15, by D R 33-05

Lat 6-05

Ship Cyrus from England for Cape Horn Paul West Master

Sunday 30th October
brisk trade winds at S E B E and E S E and fair weather steering S W W throughout these 24 hours at 6 A M saw a strange sail bearing S 60 W which proved to be a ship steering about S N W and passing under our lee at too great a distance for me to make out what kind of a ship she was

at 8 P M having very clear weather and a good opportunity for observations on both sides of the Moon I took two sets of Lunar Observations (with Toppe's and Bradfords Sextants) between the Moon and Aquilla West of her, each set composed of five sights, then facing to the Eastward took two other sets between the Moon and Aldebaran each set of a like number of sights, and taken with the different sextants which gave the Longitude as follows.

Mean Long with * East & West of Toppe's -- 30-51-45

d^r -- d^r with * East & West of Bradford's -- 31-04-15

At 10 P M Mean of four OBS & take for the true Long -- 30-58-00

At Noon OBS Lat 7-52 - Long by D R 33-29 31-27-15

Monday 31st Oct
brisk trades at E S E and East with remarkable pleasant weather, having past the windward part of the Continent of Brazil and knowing my Longitude I steered S W W with studding sails and Royals set fore and aft throughout the 24 hours at 6 P M saw breaches of whales ahead which proved humpbacks, saw nothing else employed as usual at completing the repairs to our new topsails repairing a Main topsail &c as necessary

at 10-30 P M by * 2) the Long was 32-17-

OBS Lat at Noon 10-56 by Lunar 32-54-00

Longitude in at Noon by Chrⁿ -- 32-41-30
by D R -- 34-37-00

Correct Variation 3-11 Westward

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Ship comes from England for Cape Horn Paul West

Tuesday 1st November
brisk trades at EBN all the first and mid-
part with fair weather latter part some
light (wind-kills) which soon past and left the
weather very fair again, steered SSW through
the 24 hours, at 9 AM saw the breach of a
whale shorten'd sail for it but saw no more
of it. no sets all sail as before
Obs Lat 13-48 Long { by Lunar - 34-05-00
by Chron - 33-45-45
by DR - 35-48-09

Wednesday 2nd Nov^{em}
brisk trade winds at East with some light
squalls at ESE and SE steering SSW
throughout these 24 hours with all studding sails
and royals set most of the time, saw nothing
employ'd broke up between decks &c and coopers
most of our bread, found the hoops very slack
and casks partly decayed, found the pumps choked
with the dirt of the old cargoes, hoisted them up
cleared the pumpwell and set the Pumps again
Obs Lat 16-44, Long by { Lunar 35-30-00
Chron - 35-06-15
DR - 37-13-00

Thursday 3rd Nov^{em}
brisk trades prevailing mostly at East & varying
between ENO and ESE with very fair weather
steered SSW under all sail till 8 PM when being
near the Abrolhos Banks took in light sails and at 12
sounded & found 27 water haul'd up 1 fath, and run 1 1/2
miles, try'd for bottom, found none, continued steering
South until 5 AM when not the least appearance
of any Bank or danger in the way kept off SSW
and made all sail as before, at 7 saw a strange sail
NE which proved to be a brig steering NW by the wind
Obs Lat 19-24, Long by { Aldebaran & Moon - 36-01-45
Chronometer - 35-56-00
Reckoning - 38-25-00

Lat 00-37 East

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Ship *Cyrus* from England for Cape Horn, Paul West

Friday
November

4th brisk winds at East and fair all the fore part. middle and latter part brisk winds varying from East to NNE with some showers of rain continuing steering SSW all these 24 hours with all sail set most of the time. saw three or four humpbacks or finbacks employ'd as for these two days past breaking up, cooping, and seeing all of our dry provision in good order, at stowing at hand such as will be expended in high Latitude and securing our hold against bad weather

OBS Lat 22-07 Long by { Lunar — No OBS
Chrⁿ — 37-02-15
DR — 37-39-00

Saturday
Nov^r

5th first part brisk winds varying from NE to North with lowry weather. middle part the wind increased with squally dirty weather which reduced us from all studding sails above & below fore & aft down to double reefed topsails and foresail, and at 8 A.M. very rugged, went down topgallant yards at noon more moderate made more sail having strong winds from North to NW steered SW all the 24 hours saw nothing, but had a scent of land

OBS Lat 24-38 Long by { Lunar — No OBS
Chrⁿ — 39-11-15
DR — 42-14-00

Sunday
Nov^r

6th first part the wind fell from a strong breeze at NW and with a tempest varied round the Western to the SSW quarter where it continued until 3 A.M. then to SSW and South with an ugly cross sea on, tack'd (at 8) and stood to the W by the wind, saw several humpbacks breaching &c. found a very sensible change in the climate from hot to temperate weather

OBS Lat 25-42 Long by { Lunar — No OBS
Chrⁿ — 38-56-30
DR — 42-05-00

Ship Cyrus from England for Cape Horn. Paul West, Master

Monday 7th November strong southerly winds with a very high cross sea on all the fore part standing to the S.W. by W under single reef and Mⁿ T^y sail over middle part moderate and clear weather at 4 A.M. the wind haul'd more Easterly with lowry weather, up T^y yards fore & Mizⁿ set all sail, steered S.W. all the latter part saw nothing, employ'd at sundries of duty
Obs Lat 26-38 Long by { Chronometer 40-43-30
S R 43-31

Tuesday 8th November moderate winds about the Eastern and N.E. quarter steering S.W. throughout the 24 hours without seeing anything but the surface of the South Atlantic Ocean, employ'd at sundries of ships duty made a foul weather T^y Mast fitted new tacks and sheets to the courses, & topsails &c. &c. &c. the weather too lowry for any Lunar obs.
Obs Lat 28-09 Long by { Chronometer 42-49-15
S R 45-29

Wednesday 9th November brisk winds prevailing steadily in the N.E. q^r. all the 24 hours with dark lowry weather steered S.W. until 8 P.M. then S.W. by S till 4 A.M. then S.W. the latter part without seeing anything new except an old-fashioned albatross being the first that I have seen this voyage. Employ'd occasionally dismounted eight of our cannon and secured them on the lower deck unshipped the rails for waist cloths, unhooked the Main-topmast-staysail, and outer jibb and stowed them away rig'd in the boom &c. so ends with brisk wind at N.E. and stud^{ls} set on both sides fore & aft
Obs Lat 30-11 Long by { Chronometer 44-36-45
S R 45-51

Ship *Cygnus* from England for Cape Horn, Paul West Master

Thursday 10th Nov^r strong winds at N E and fair weather all the fore part steering S W with all studding sails set above and below on both sides. during the latter part we had more wind with rain the wind varying to N N E & North shortened sail accordingly running at the rate of 9½ knots on an average throughout these 24 hours took in the waist boat and secured her on the tryworks saw nothing but porpoises. the colour of water blue
Lat by D R 32-59 Long by { Chron No Obs
D R 28-36-00

Friday 11th Nov^r at the beginning of these 24 hours we had a brisk breeze at N W which by 2 P M fell away and varied to the W and at 6 became fair weather middle part light wind varying round the S W and southern quarter with clear weather. latter part brisk southerly winds and fair steered S W when the wind would admit, and close on a wind to the best advantage at other times, at 6 A M saw a brig bearing West and steering N E, stood towards her but found him not inclined to speak us, and useless to oblige him to, kept steady on my course, saw nothing else but a few fowls, and two turtles the weather being clear obtained a lunar observation employed occasionally altered the Mizⁿ staysail and middle stitchee it for foul weather, &c, &c
Obs Lat 33-33 Long by { Lunar 47-39-45
Chronometer 48-56-30
D R 49-23-00

Saturday 12th Nov^r brisk winds varying from S S E to N E all the fore part steered S W latter part brisk N E wind but dark lowry weather, all light sails set the water of a dark colour, employed at preparing for foul weather at sails &c as necessary
Lat D R 34-25 Long by { Chron 31-21-15
D R 51-09

Lat 9-36 Enderby

Ship Cyrus from England for Cape Horn Paul West master

Sunday 13th Nov^r first part brisk winds at N E steered S W
at 6 P M the colour of water with fowls and
penguins indicating soundings. try'd for and for
the first time found ourselves on the Brazil bank in
eighty fathoms water continued with wind at N E
72 miles & S W by S Compass and had 72 water
latter part winds light and variable with rain
afternoon took the wind fresh at South reef'd topsails
fore and aft and stood to the W S W by the wind
saw several sun fish, but no whale of any kind
Lat by double altitudes 36-23 Long (S R) 52-56-15
(S R) 52-59-00

Monday 14th Nov^r first part strong double reef'd topsail breezes at
South standing to the W S W by the wind until 12
then sound'd found 30 water wore ship off shore
at 4 A M calm at 6 a gentle breeze sprung
up at W N W to which we spread 1/2 sails &
studding sails fore and aft, below and aloft and
steered South all the latter part saw nothing
(although clear weather) but a few penguins and
porpoises not a whale of any kind obtain'd a good
Lunar observation with each of my two Sextants
Lat OBS 36-37 Long by Lunar 53-36-30
(S R) 53-31-00
(S R) 53-34-00

Tuesday 15th Nov^r the first 7 hours we had brisk winds at N W 2
fair steered S B W with all studding sails and
1/2 sails set fore and aft, middle part equally
latter part strong double-reef breezes at W S W
and S W steered S W by the wind sent down all
three Topgallant 1/2 masts, unrig'd the 1st & 2nd Miz.
and rig'd a foul wth mast at the main saw nothing
but fowls no bottom with 80 fms of line (S R) 54-23-43
OBS Lat 38-24 Long by (S R) 54-34

Bar 29.35 barometer
by a very good barometer

Ship Cyrus from England for Cape Horn, Paul West Master

Wednesday 16th November fresh winds at S.W. W.S.W. West and N.W. with changeable weather steering close on a wind for the most part. the last 4 hours steered S.W. again a high short swell from the S.W. the colour of water changing from green to blue. Judge myself safe soundings, saw plenty of fowls, seals, and penguins and afternoon saw several right whales. Employ'd took in the stern boat and placed her over the quarter deck afloat the Mizⁿ mast, secured all the spare spars in the waist, unbent our foretop sail for the first time since leaving London and bent a new sail for bad weather, the winds proving contrary made but little progress on my passage.

Lat by OBS 39-24 Long by { Chronometer 54-36-45
S.R. — 54-55-00

Thursday 17th Nov^r fresh winds at S.W. all the fore part stood off & D^o until 4 P.M. saw plenty of humpbacks, tack^d and stood in, at 12 P.M. try'd for bottom with 150 line found none, continued standing in W.B.N. 14 miles further when it fell calm and we found 54 fathoms water, down boat and caught eight fish five of them hake, and other three nice large eels. At noon took a light air at North to which we spread our studding sails above and below, steered S.W. saw no kind of whale on the bank the weather being very warm and fair (for the Bank) made good use of it by setting our standing rigging fore and aft above and below, and preparing to encounter Cape Horn. OBS Lat 39-12 Long by S.R. 55-38 (hrⁿ.

Ship *Cyrus* from England for Horn, Paul West 1808

Friday 18th Nov^m at the beginning of the these 24 hours we had a light air at North which increased so fast that by 6 P.M. oblig'd us to in studding sails and bring the ship under moderate sail at the same time saw 15- or 20 right whales on S.W. water steered S.W. with equally weather & sail set accordingly at 8 A.M. 4.5 water but no whale in sight latter part more moderate saw but one more whale employ'd made a fore-staysail stay and put it on &c
Lat by Δ^c 41-23, Long by { Chronometer Account 57-33 -

Saturday 19th Nov^m the first hour of these 24 we took a strong wind at S.W.B. with rainy dirty weather stood off S.E. by the wind until 12 P.M. the wind flagging away to a calm in which we lay the remaining part of the 24 hours in very green water but no bottom with 130 line saw no more than one right whale during this day Employ'd at repairing sails &c
OBS Lat 41-46 Long by { Chronometer 56-58-45 D.R. 57-13

Sunday 20th Nov^m continues calm until 6 P.M. then took an air at N.N.E. steered S.W. until 8 A.M. found 47 water and steered S.W.B. the remaining part of these 24 hours having brisk winds at North and N.N.W. and threatening clouds continually rising and coming over from the Westward carried studding sails fore and aft all day saw nothing but a few penguins, not a whale of any kind whatever
OBS Lat 42-31 Long by { Chronometer D.R. 58-53

Obs 41-25

Ship *Cyprus* from England for (Horn). Paul West Master

Monday 21st November
 brisk winds in the N W quarter and fair weather all the first and middle part steering SSW on from 45 to 65 fathoms water. at 11 A M saw a strange sail bearing S E B S and steering about the same as ourselves, kept off and spoke her found her to be Ship *Lion* of Nantucketh 80 days out bound to the Coast of Peru continued our course to the SSW with moderate winds at N W and fair weather, employ'd at sails &c as necessary saw no kind of whale whatever
 OBS Lat 45-00 Long by { Chronometer - 60-27-00
 S B - 61-08-00

Tuesday 22nd November
 first part light winds at N W and fair, steering SSW in company with the *Lion*, middle part brisk winds and squally at 7 A M we had all sail set with a brisk breeze at about W B N and very clear W. when the wind began to breeze and increased to that degree as by 9 it reduced us to barely three staysails sent down Top-gallant, secured our boats, and lay too headed South in all the latter part with a heavy gale at West veering gradually round to S W and blowing in squalls with increased fury. depth of water about 70
 Lat 46-44 Long by { Chronometer 62-25-45
 W. - 62-25-00

Wednesday 23rd November
 these 24 hours begins with tremendous heavy gales haying hove too under Main and Mizzen staysails heading S E winds S W at 6 P M it moderated a little set the Topmast staysail, middle and latter part continues very fresh wind at S W but breaking away set close reef topsails and foresail, stood S E and close by the wind in C with the *Lion* all the latter part employ'd shifted the Mizzen topsails put on a new one unbraced and middle stitched the Mainsail &c - &c - &c saw nothing new, not a whale of any kind whatever obtained a Lunar observation. Sun and Moon
 OBS Lat 46-50 Long by { Lunar - 63-14-00
 Chronometer - 60-27-30
 Account - 62-01-00

Ship Cyrus from England for (Horn) at the Falkland Islands

Sunday
November

27

The light winds varying round the Western quarter from N to South during this day lying very snugly moored up above the Small Island in Coffins Harbor at 5 A.M. landed our casks for water and at 8 P.M. we took on board ¹⁸⁰ 70 of water, a sufficient stock of clay, four barrels of Sand, four barrels of eggs, eighteen Inland Geese and forty-eight lowland Geese, saw no seals, nor any traces of any recent visitors

Falk. Islands

Monday ~
Nov^r

28

at 2 A.M. or morning the wind from a gentle Westerly breeze started round in a very hard squall at S.W. and continued to blow a strong gale with frequent squalls of hail until noon when it moderated and hauled to the W. but at 8 P.M. the winds variable and weather unsettled took on board six barrels of eggs fifty-four geese one half tun of water, and 8

Falk. Is.

Tuesday
Nov^r

29

The moderate westerly winds and fair weather at 5 A.M. or in the morning unmoored took our anchors and run out of Coffins harbor and stood to the N.W. towards West point and ply'd up as far as North Island when the wind varying to S.W. enabled me to stand out N.W. and West clear of the farns which at 6 in the afternoon we saw bearing N.E. 10° therefore I consider my detention from the time of altering my course for the Islands until the time of being entirely clear of them, equal to three days two of the days a light westerly wind, and the other a strong souther and have furnished myself with about eighty barrels of water, twelve barrels of eggs, ninety lowland geese, thirty inland geese, and several wild ducks and other fowls. so ends with remarkable pleasant W. winds at S.W. inclining to a calm

Obs Lat 51-36 Long 61-10-00

Ship Cyrus from England for Cape Horn - Paul West

Wednesday 30th Nov^r 1st first part calm & heavy laying with the Jasons Islands in sight bearing N 35 E and the New Islands in sight bearing E S E, latter part took a fine westerly breeze with which we steered S B W direct for Cape St. Johns the weather proving fair we had a good opportunity to take in our boats & stow them on the quarters. Likewise took in our lower anchors and stowed them by the windlass. at 10 A M the beaver Is. or Cape Perivall barely in sight bearing E 26 N 15 leagues. at noon nothing in sight
 OBS Lat 52-00 Long 150-30 { Chronometer 61-50-30
 S R or W 62-23

correct Nov 21-27

Thursday 1st Dec^r 1st brisk S W breezes varying from S W to W frequently with intervals of profound calms, and again a brisk breeze steering S B W or by the wind throughout these 24 hours the weather very fair for funnel bay employ'd at sails & as necessary saw nothing but a few porpoises
 OBS Lat 53-36 Long 150-30 { Chronometer 62-33-15
 W 63-00-00

Friday 2nd Dec^r 2nd first part light wind at W S W middle and latter part moderate wind in the N W quarter steering S B W at 3 A M saw Staten Island, Cape St. John bore S W by compass 6 leagues distance. at 6 it bore S W kept off S B E and passed Cape St. John at two leagues dist having many right whales in sight and some B. fish porpoises and killers. at 8 A M Cape St. John bore S W the top of the Island or hills pretty much covered with snow, and tide about the ship apparently very rapid at 10 hauled to the W as far as S W and set all sail with a gentle breeze at N W and very pleasant W. found the Longitude Chronometer to be only eighteen miles to the E of the truth allowing for a 12 1/2 f day at noon Cape St. John bore N 50 W Compass when our
 OBS Lat 55-00 Long 150-30 { Chronometer 63-13
 W 63-31
 by my late passage from New York the course to Cape Horn is S 2 W by Comp.

Ship Cyrus from England off of Cape Horn. P. West. Master

Saturday
Dec^m

3rd light westerly winds all these 24 hours standing off to the southward by the wind except from 1 A.M. to 4 we had fresh single-reef breezes at SSW with which we stood to the westward until 4 then the horizon being thick saw the tops of Staten Island above the haze bearing NW 5 or 6 miles distance, about ship and stood off South and SSW by the wind. Latter part clear weather to the South of us but nothing seen employ'd occasionally, at an anchor-stock &c. &c. &c. the weather very fair, with all by sail set to the wind
OBS Lat 55-30 Long 118-00 } Chr. No OBS
Account - 64-01

Sunday
Dec^m

4th very light N Westerly winds steering SSW all the first part against an ugly short swell from the SW the weather being hazy prevented our seeing distinctly Staten Island whose craggy precipices frequently presented themselves to our view through the dark clouds that hung about them. middle and latter part moderate breezes in the Northern and NW quarter with fair but frequently threatening foul weather, steered SSW with all sail, as lower, Top and Top Gt Studdingails set occasionally
at 10 A.M. saw Barnwell's Islands bearing WNW and Terra del Fuogo from NWNW to NNW
at 11 saw Cape Horn W 25 S and at noon it bore W 23 S Distance about twelve leagues
OBS Lat 56-01 Long 118-00 } Chr. No OBS
Account - 65-43-15
66-12-00

Monday
Dec^m

5th at 1 P.M. took the wind in a squall at SSW took in to double reef, headed off SSE by the wind, at 5 calm and thick mⁿ at 10 took a moderate breeze at NWN steered SSW until 6 A.M. when the wind shifted to SSW S and reduced us again to double reefs fore & aft saw Cape Horn which at noon bore S 10 W 10 N ply'd towardward with winds at SSW and fair W shifted our old Mⁿ top-sail, put on a new one &c. out all reefs
OBS Lat 56-25 Long 118-00 } Chr. No OBS
Account - 66-32-30
67-03

Ship *Cyrus* from England, passing (Storm) for the coast of Peru
 Tuesday 6 gentle breezes at WSW with fine pleasant trade-
 like weather standing off SSW by the wind with
 all sail set that we carry on a wind at 4 PM
 lost sight of Cape Horn bearing (Compass) N 33 W
 middle part the wind varied gradually round to Nth
 and continued a light breeze and very pleasant weather
 the remaining part of the day, steered WSW with
 Fore-top, and Main-top-gallant studding sails set
 and at noon saw Diego Ramirez Islands, N 65 W
 distance (by OBS Lat) 40 miles, employed
 occasionally middle stitched & repaired the Mth topsail &
 OBS Lat 57-02 Long 70-00 { Chronometer No 838
 Account - 68-00

Lat 23-54
 Long 70-00

Wednesday 7 light winds at NNE and WNW steering
 WSW at 3 PM dark heavy clouds in the
 western quarter changed the wind to West & WSW
 and reduced us to double reef and staysails, under which
 we stood off SSW by the wind which was strong
 varying between WNW and WSW latter part
 set single reefs, jibs, &c. winds more moderate
 OBS Lat 58-05 Long 70-05 { Chron - 69-56-00
 Account - 70-05

Thursday 8 Commences strong single-reef breezes at WNW
 with squalls of hail and snow stood off to the
 SSW close on a wind with as much sail set
 as we could possibly carry, which admitted of Mth & S
 jibs, & Mizzen, middle part the wind hauled to the
 Nth and flag'd away to a calm at 4 AM a gentle
 breeze at SE which increased during the latter
 to which we spread whole topsails &c and steered
 WWS against a very high short swell from WSW
 that frequently broke completely over the bows and kept
 the deck full of water most of the time - 72-27-00
 OBS Lat 58-06 Long 72-08 { Chron -
 Account 72-08

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Ship Cyrus from England passing (Horn) for Peru, Paul West, Master

Friday
Dec^m

9th Commences strong winds veering from S S E to S S W with some light squalls and open cloudy weather steering West until 4 P M then kept her W N W which eased her bows which were under water almost as much as above it, the swell very hollow and short, coming from W S S although the wind was very fresh at S S E & carried whole topsails Top gallant sail & staysails middle part calm, at 6 A M took a brisk breeze at N N W steered West all the latter part, Mr. rainy saw many fowls and finbacks as well as much kelp.

Lat P Account 57-05 Long P { Chron - 75-03-30
Account - 74-43-00

Saturday 10
Dec^m

10th at the commencement of these 24 hours we had a strong single reef breeze at N N E steering West and rainy foggy weather, at 2 P M calm, at 4 took a gentle breeze at E S E which increased by 5 so as to oblige us to take in to double reefs and run all the middle part W N W with strong winds at S E - South, & S W at 6 A M left wind varying to West & W N W with rain, tackt off S W by the wind which increasing by noon reduced us to close reef fore and main topsails and four staysails a high swell from W S W throughout the 24 hours

Lat P A 56-01 Long P { Chron - 77-19-30
A. - 76-50 -

Sunday
Dec^m

11th Commences strong gales at W N W with rainy weather headed off S W by the wind, at 6 P M in fore topsail at 7 down & S M staysail at 9 in Main topsail and lay too under fore, main, and mizen staysails all the middle part with heavy gales and cold rainy weather at 4 A M more moderate about ship and headed up N W with fresh wind at W S W a hollow sea at 9 the winds return'd to W N W and prevented our setting more than double reefs, during a few minutes of clear sky I obtain'd a good Lunar observation

OBS Lat 55-39 Long P { Lunar - 77-54-00
Chron - 77-51-30
Account - 77-28-00

Ship *Cyrus* from England passing Cape Horn for Peru

Monday 12th Dec^r - first part strong single reef breezes at West & WBN standing to the N^W by the wind at 10 P M tack'd ship, the weather appearing unfavourable did not like to pass the Lat of Cape Noir without more resting stood to the Southward, at 4 A M it blew a gale so heavy at West as to reduce us to a close reef maintopsail and lower staysails being as much sail as we could possibly carry through severe squalls of hail that attended us all the latter part saw nothing but a few hard weather fowls
Obs Lat 55-25 Long 77-29-15
Chrⁿ - 77-29-15
Account - 77-29-00

Tuesday 13th Dec^r - first part strong winds at West and squally weather laying too under staysails headed SSW at 6 P M more moderate, winds veering to NW wore ship and set close reef topsails headed NW until 2 A M the winds inclining to the NW again wore ship & continued to the NW by the wind all the latter part with moderate winds & thick drizzly weather set all sail against a high swell from WSW
Obs Lat 55-24 Long 77-59-45
Chrⁿ - 77-59-45
Account - 77-56-00

Wednesday 14th Dec^r - Commences light N.W. winds & drizzly weather headed SSW by the wind at 4 P M calm, at 5 took the wind at S.W. to which we spread all sail & steered NW the wind increasing, reduced our sail gradually until 3 A M when heavy gales and squalls from S.W. obliged us to clew up the topsails, and at 4 (having no great sea-room to lie too in) set and carried close reef fore & maintopsails through tremendous squalls of hail and an ugly sea that kept the decks constantly full of water, latter part more moderate made sail occasionally saw nothing
Obs Lat 53-23 Long 79-11
Chrⁿ No Obs
Account 79-11

Ship Cyrus from Cape Horn to the Coast of Peru. Paul West

Thursday 15th Dec^r first part strong double reef breezes at WBS to WBN and heavy weather stood to the N^W by the wind until 6 P^M then about ship and stood to the S^W with thick rainy weather all the middle part and strong winds in squalls from WNW at 6 A^M the wind veered to WSW about ship and stood to the NW all the latter part under single reef topsails having frequent squalls of hail that oblig'd us to hood our topsails, jib, and spanker the weather clear between squalls but nothing to be seen Employ'd as usual at sailing the ship
 OBS Lat 52-50 Long 80-25-45
 Ch^m - 79-40-00

Friday 16th Dec^r first part strong double reef breezes at WSW and very smart squalls of wind and hail pressing forward N^W setting our topsails, reef'd jib, &c in the squalls and hoisting them again when the wind would permit at 2 A^M the wind veered to WBN and increased with thick rainy weather, which oblig'd us to wave ship and head S^W by the wind under close reef'd topsails all the latter part so ends. stormy weather and an ugly sea that nearly prevented our cooking
 Lat 52-14 Long 80-06-00
 Ch^m - No OBS

Saturday 17th Dec^r first part strong winds at West and stormy weather standing off N^W under close reef topsails foresail and staysails plunging into a high short swell from the S^W at 4 A^M more moderate at 6 about ship and let out a reef at 8 set single reefs fore & aft reef'd jib & mizen and continued to the N^W all the latter part with strong wind at West and thick dirty weather could not see a league during the 24 hours try'd the distance run by Log several times and found the ship to exceed 7 knots of hour sailing within 6 points of the wind
 Lat 52-19 Long 80-25-00
 Ch^m - No OBS

Ship *Cyparis* from Cape Horn to the Coast of Peru, West 1808

Sunday 18th Dec^r 1808 first part strong single-reef breezes at West and thick drizzly weather standing close by the wind to the N N W and driving rather more than 7 knots of hour until 3 P M when the winds freshening, laid about and stood to the S S W under left sail at 2 A M the winds increased with rain, and at 3 reduced us to 2 close reef topsails and 4 storm-staysails latter part more moderate but very dark foggy W^{est} at noon it cleared made more sail & wore ship saw B fish, porpoises, and finbacks caught none
OBS Lat 52-08 Long 80-25 { Chr^m - No OBS
Account - 80-25

Monday 19th Dec^r 1808 from 1 to 2 P M the wind at West flag'd away from a close reef breeze to calm at 3 light airs at W S W set all sail, steered N W but a high uneven sea prevented our making much headway until the latter part, when we took a gentle breeze at S W with clear weather, set studdingsails &c. & steered N N W this being the first fair day to the W^{est} of Cape Horn opened the hold for copper-stuff and begun to provide cutting tubs, stages &c as necessary for whale, saw nothing
OBS Lat 50-45 Long 81-02 { Chr^m - 82-20-15
W^{est} - 81-02-00

Tuesday 20th Dec^r 1808 first part brisk winds at S W steering N N W with studdingsails set, middle part the winds veered to West and W N W and continued a brisk breeze all the remaining part of the 24 hours steering by the wind N N W and N W W saw nothing but a few finbacks employ'd at coiling lines and preparing craft for the boats, riging spades &c. the colour of the water continuing very blue as usual
OBS Lat 47-51 Long 80-27 { Chr^m - 81-50-00
W^{est} - 80-27-00

Dec 18-07
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1888
Ship Cyrus from Cape Horn to the coast of Peru. Paul West

Wednesday
Dec 21

21 Commences brisk winds at WNW standing to the N^W by the wind with all sail set, middle part the wind veered to NW and increased with such fury as to oblige us to lay the ship too under three storm staysails headed off WSW until 10 AM the weather cleared with a strong wind at West and an ugly sea on that (as soon as the ship headed N with close reefs set) almost buried the forecabin, nevertheless we carried a piece of sail intending to lose no time at noon were obliged to shorten some sail

OBS Lat 46-48 Long { Lunar 81-34-45
Chr 81-12-30
Ac 80-29-00

This afternoon I obtained two good sets of Lunar Dist^s the Result of which is given above

Thursday
Dec 22

22 first part strong winds at West and a high cross sea on that made such a breach over the ship that we could not carry much sail until 6 PM then set close reefed fore and mizⁿ topsails steering North until 6 then by finding the Longitude by two good Lunar observations I kept off and made a N E course the remaining part of these 24 hours having strong double reef breezes and very hazy weather the sea continually breaking over the ship, saw nothing

OBS Lat 44-30 Long { Chr 78-28-00
Ac 77-45-00

Friday
Dec 23

23 gentle winds between SW and West throughout these 24 hours steering NNE with all sail set the weather being fair stowed our anchors and put them out into their places on the bows, unstowed the boats and fitted them all ready for a minute's notice of whale partly broke up between decks and got the copper coolers upon deck to their places &c. &c. &c. as necessary saw nothing

OBS Lat 42-14 Long { Chr 76-37-15
Ac 76-11-00

Ship Cyrus from Cape Horn to the Coast of Peru, P West

Saturday Dec ^m	24	<p>light westerly winds and hazy weather all the first and middle part steering N N E latter part calm, but a constant swell from the S W employ'd as necessary at making every necessary preparation for taking whale, run the spare spars out of the stern and stowed the stern-boat in place, lashed the cutting-gier aloft took the spare pots upon deck &c, &c, &c saw nothing but one shark during the day</p> <p>OBS Lat 41-18 Long 75-18</p>
Sunday Dec ^m	25	<p>the first part calm, middle and latter part light winds in the N E quarter and fair weather stood to the N N W by the wind until 4 afternoon then tack'd ship to the N E winds light and weather hazy saw nothing but a few porpoises</p> <p>Lat 40-34 Long 75-32 ~ 00</p>
Monday Dec ^m	26	<p>the gentle breezes in the N W and Northern quarters steering to the N E by the wind with all sail set at 8 A M passed through a great number of humpbacks finbacks and right whales at noon saw the Main Continent of Chili a little to the Northward of the Port of Baldivia bearing from OBS to N E by E distance 10 leagues continued standing in by the wind until 6 in the afternoon when it fell calm and remain'd all the latter part, employ'd fiter guys &c for taking whale</p> <p>OBS Lat 39-42 Long 73-47-30 Baldivia 74-30-00</p>

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The Continent of Chili in Lat 39-40, A N 60 E and B E 13 S

Ship *Cyprus* on the Coast of Chili. Paul West. MasterTuesday
Dec^m

27th the first part calm and foggy weather. at 6 AM took a gentle breeze at SW which veered gradually to the South^W and cleared away the fog. steered NNE and set studding sails fore and aft on both sides, went aloft the fore and main topgallant masts, saw many humpbacks and finbacks but no sign of sperm whales at 11 AM saw the Island of Mocha bearing N 20 E distance 11 leagues stood to the N^W and run down the West side of the Island, bent the cables and hauled in under the lee of Mocha and came to an anchor on 13 fathoms muddy bottom, the NW point W.B.L. the SE point ^{or East} SE, and the knode that is detached from the NW part of the highest hills in one with the landing place bearing S 28° W landed with two boats and took off two swine and a quantity of mint. so ends winds fresh at SSE OBS Lat at noon 38° 50' S Long 74° 05' W Mocha NNE

Wednesday
Dec^m

28th strong winds at SSE and clear weather through the day, this morning a dangerous rolling sea extended athwart the landing place that nearly prevented our getting anything more of Mocha but with much care effected a landing and during the day took on board a sufficient quantity of mint, three dozen harpoon-stocks, one set of wave-poles, two dead hogs and one alive, and two large seal-skins and a piece of useful ship-timber at the same time overhauled the head stays & set them up. sent aloft the ^{long} Mr J. West & Co & at 6 in the afternoon took our anchor and steered NNE with brisk wind at SSE and fair weather having spent but 24 hours at Mocha

Lat 38.00 S

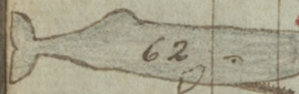
Long 74.05 W

Ship *Cyrus* on the Coast of Chili. Paul West Master

Thursday 29th Dec^r fresh southerly winds and clear weather throughout. These 24 hours at 7 A.M. saw 2nd Mary's N 35 E run in N E entered the N. passage and finding the South bay too rough for our purpose, passed round the Eastern point and came to an anchor in the N. Bay on 12 water the middle part of the shore on the low point at 1/4 of a mile distance the water very smooth at 2 P.M. began to pay bends and at 7 had them finished and all sail set upon the ship steered N.W. all the latter part, landed for an hour or two found the fresh water running very brisk, & took on board some dry wood that lay about the shore.

37.00 S
73.25 W

Friday 30th Dec^r first part light winds at S.S.W. and fair W. steered N.W. with all sail set, at 6 A.M. calm unbent the cables took in the anchors unstocked them and stowed them below at 11 took a brisk breeze at S.S.W. steered N.W. at noon saw two large sperm whales amongst a great number of black at 1 down boats and pursued them the winds fresh and whales running toward us barely had the opportunity to come up with them, struck one and in fifteen minutes killed him, and took him to the ship, it being 5 P.M. when we killed the whale, rove our gier (coiled the cables that were shak on deck) below, hooked on and cut the head almost off, but by tearing out our gier and night at hand made the whale well fast for another day, when we saw the whales the land was in sight, therefore our distance from the Continent of Chili was about 80 or 100 leagues
Obs^d Lat 36.25 Long 74.10



Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Chili Paul West

Saturday 31st Dec^r fresh Southerly winds and clear weather throughout these 24 hours at 5 A M hooked on to our whale and at noon had her all on board made sail & steered N E saw many humpbacks at 7 P M we were close in with the Land on green water seeing nothing new wore ship and steered N N W all the latter part with brisk wind at S M W set the works on to boiling out and begun with lody blubber first 73.25
Obs Lat 36-08 Distance from Chili 15 to 3 leagues

Sunday 1st January 1809 these three first days in one commences with brisk wind at S S W running down the Coast of Chili ranging off and on with the wind as far on the beam as to cause a draught of wind in the try-works, being well employ'd at boiling out a valuable sperm-whale saw many humpbacks and some sunfish but no other sporting fish but humpbacks middle and latter parts light Westerly winds and very fair W. steered N N E the land just in sight
Obs Lat 34-26 distance from Land 12 leagues 72.28

Monday 2nd Jan^y strong Southerly winds and hazy weather steered N E run in for the land and at noon past Valparaiso at four leagues distance at the same time saw many porpoises and fowls but the winds being very fresh and sea all of a foam could not have seen a whale at any considerable distance, finished boiling our whale and begun to clear away for stowing down 72.00
Obs Lat 33-03 distance from Land 10 to 3 leagues having seen several humpbacks during the day

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Chili & Peru

Tuesday
Jan^y 3rd

first part strong southerly winds steering N.W.
middle part but little wind and a high short
swell that caused the ship to roll so much and
interfere on our work, rounded too and headed
off S.W. until 2 P.M. laying close under the
high land having the surf in sight on deck
all day, but no more than a few humpbacks
porpoises and albatrosses to be seen
stowed down the oil of our whale which filled
sixty two barrels. At 4 P.M. kept off N.W. and
continued on that course all the latter part
with strong winds at South and rugged weather
OBS Lat 30-35 distance from land 3 to 10 leagues

72.15

Wednesday
Jan^y 4th

moderate southerly winds and fair weather
throughout these 24 hours running down the coast
N.W. at night past the bird Islands and North
by day, broke all out between decks and run out
our long jibboom through the lumber port and stowed
several spare spars between decks, at 3 P.M.
Just as our decks, casks, spars, rigging, &c were
completely in an uproar, one boat bottom up last
painted saw B. fish and one sperm whale.
down two boats and without delay struck and killed
it, took it alongside but night overtook us
before we could possibly get prepared to look on
the sea of a greenish colour but no land seen to day
OBS Lat 29-30 distance from land 15 or 18 leagues

72.15

<p>Ship <i>Cyrus</i> whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West.</p> <p>Thursday 5th January</p> <p>72.30</p>	<p>1809</p> <p>light southerly winds and lowry weather throughout this day at 5 A M hooked on to our whale and at noon had him all on board, made sail, steered NE and set the tryworks on to boiling out head first saw nothing but a shoal of porpoises</p> <p>OBS Lat 28-44 distance from the Continent 20 to 15</p>
<p>Friday 6th January</p> <p>71.31</p>	<p>light airs varying all round the compass & calm showy weather, steering to the N^W before a high short swell from the S^W. well employed at boiling out sperm oil the land in sight at 10 leagues OBS saw porpoises and an albacore which we took but no larger fish of any kind</p> <p>OBS Lat 28-19 the Land at 10 leagues finished boiling out</p>
<p>Saturday 7th January</p> <p>71.35</p>	<p>light winds at NW and lowry weather with a smooth surface to this part of the Pacific Ocean standing to the N^W by the wind, stowed down the oil of our last whale, that filled fifty-five barrels, saw plenty of porpoises, and shoals of small fish the land in sight at 10 leagues E N E to E S E</p> <p>OBS Lat 27-45</p>
<p>Sunday 8th Jan^y</p> <p>71.55</p>	<p>light wind at SW steering NNW at 5 A M saw a strange sail bearing N^WW stood towards her and at 2 P M after considerable manoeuvring spoke and found it to be the Rebecca 23 1/4 M^{rs} out 1300</p> <p>steered N N E under a M^{rs} Top sail (Fore & Miz top sails down to the caps) and kept company with the Rebecca with all cruising sail set, saw nothing alive during the day</p> <p>OBS Lat 27-12 distance from land 10 to 20 leagues</p>

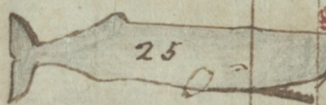
Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West Master 1809

Monday 9th gentle southerly winds and fair weather throughout
Jan^y these 24 hours steering to the N^W in company
with ship Rebecca saw nothing but albacores finbacks
and the land at 10 to 5 leagues distance
at 8 P^M parted company with Cap^t Barnard and
steered N^W W sailing at least two miles to his one
71.10 OBS Lat 26.15 Dist from Land 10 to 5 leagues

Tuesday 10th first part light Easterly winds and lowry W^{ind}
Jan^y steered N^W W middle and latter brisk southerly
winds steered North the white hills of ^{the} Continent
in sight saw no kind of whales whatever
71.05 Lat by W 24.50 distance from Land 5 to 12 leagues

Wednesday 11th first part light wind at South steered
Jan^y N^W B N at 6 A^M saw Moro Moreno
or Moreno Head bearing East 10 leagues
stood in N^W E and at 9 saw several
sperm bull whales down boats and pursued them
until 2 P^M but could not touch one, came on
board at 3 put off again, struck & killed one
86 whale took him to the ship and cut him in
night overtaking us did not begin to boil out
whilst off chasing whales fell in with a school
of fish and killers which the whales did
not seem to take any notice of
71.05 Lat P^M 22.50 Moreno Head S E 15 leagues

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West		51
Thursday Jan 7 th	12	<p>the fresh & southerly winds and dark lowry weather throughout these 24 hours steering N W until 6 A M then steered N N E and set the try-works on to boiling out. at 10 saw sperm bull whales put off and chased until noon but to no purpose the whales having run off to windward. kept off N N E and at 3 P M saw some other whales put off struck & killed one that by 6 P M we had all on board. kept off N N E again & set the works on to boiling out. Having seen a great many whales in the course of this day Lat by W 21-58 the land seen at 15 or 18 leagues</p>
Friday Jan 8 th	13	<p>the light southerly and easterly winds and dark lowry weather throughout this day steering to the N N W and N N E (just so as to cause a draught of air in the try works) being well employ'd at boiling out saw a finback dolphin and skipjacks but no B-fish, or sperm-whale the land in sight at 16 to 8 leagues Lat by W 21-12</p>
Saturday Jan 9 th	14	<p>the very light southerly airs and dark lowry weather steering N W throughout these 24 hours at 8 A M lost sight of the Land in 20-30 at noon finished boiling out and begun to clear the hold for storing the oil below. saw nothing but one grampass and several dolphin & small fish in the sea, plenty of horse-shoe birds OBS Lat 20-02 the land at 8 to 20 leagues</p>



Ship *Cyrus* whaling on the Coast of Peru, S. West

Sunday 15th January - very light southerly airs and fair weather throughout these 24 hours steering N W by night and North by day without seeing anything but a few porpoises, dolphin, grampus, and horse-shoe birds, stowed down our last fare of sixty-one barrels of sperm oil

71.15

OBS Lat 19-15 the land at 20 to 35 leagues

Monday 16th Jan^y - very light southerly airs throughout these 24 hours steering N W without seeing anything but two turtles and a few dolphin employed cleaning ship and refitting every part of our gear for taking whale

72.40

OBS Lat 18-43 distance from Arica 25 leagues

Tuesday 17th Jan^y - gentle S Easterly winds and light clouds of mist steered N W at night and North by day saw a great many humpbacks breaching & playing upon all directions at 6 P M saw the Land N N E 10-12 leagues distance employed occasionally could not stuff our Cape Horn, & Peruvian sails (on account of the scotch-mist that fell

72.00

Lat 17-21 the land at 10 leagues

Wednesday 18th Jan^y - light S by winds & fair steered N W until 6 A M when the haze cleared and opened to our view the hills of Peru at 5 or 6 leagues distance hauled off West and continued all the rem^{ing} part of these 24 hours, with very light winds and colour of the sea very green, saw many humpbacks and finbacks, and some dolphin employed as necessary shifted our topsails fore & aft likewise the Gibb & foresail & stowed them away

72.35

OBS Lat 16-44 the land at 5 to 8 leagues

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Ship *Cyrus* whaling on the Coast of Peru West
 Thursday 19th Jan^{ry}

73.25

the gentle trades at ESE and fair steering
 WNW throughout these 24 hours. The land
 in sight all the fore part at 8 to 12 leagues
 latter part hazy, saw nothing but a few
 humpbacks, 2 finbacks, and one old carcass
 employ'd painted the outside of the ship, and
 repair'd some breaches among the rigging
 OBS Lat 16-30 the land from 8 to 18 leagues

Friday 20th Jan^{ry}

brisk SE trades and very fine weather continued
 steering West and WNW until 7 P.M. without
 seeing anything in the sea but one shark &
 a sword-fish, not a dolphin, or any kind of
 spouting fish, nor scarce a pterodactyl to be seen
 at 7 P.M. wore round and carried all sail NNE
 with hopes of changing our ground being sure
 we cannot change for the worse

75.00

OBS Lat 16-02 the land from 18 to 22 leagues

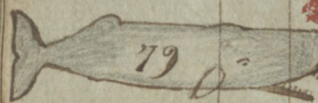
Saturday 21st Jan^{ry}

light SE trades and fair all the fore part
 steering NNE middle part brisk trades & foggy
 steering North at 6 P.M. clear W. saw the
 Continent from EBS to N30E the nearest
 part of it bearing EBN 7 or 8 leagues dist
 saw nothing in the sea but a few seals and
 two humpbacks, the prospect for sperm whales
 (about the shore) appearing but very small
 concluded to search further from the land, so at
 7 P.M. wore ship and steered West under all
 sail with a brisk trade at SSE
 this afternoon try'd the going of my Chronometer &
 found it to agree with the Long of this Land
 OBS Lat 15-28 Long 76-32

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Jan West

Sunday 22nd brisk trades at S E and lowry weather
 Jan 22nd steering off West and W N W all day under
 all sail saw plenty of flying fish & bonitos
 some albacores & a dolphin, but no spouting-
 fish except two grampases that alarmed us
 at 6 P M shortened sail to barely three topsails
 and continued steering W N W
 OBS Lat 13-56 Long at 6 P M (Chrⁿ) 79-35

Monday 23rd light trades at S E steering W N W at 5
 Jan 23rd made sail and at 7 saw whales in the N W
 of which proved to be sperm-bull-whales, down
 all boats, struck and killed three of them
 at 2 P M got all 3 of them along side and
 began cutting in, at 4 saw other whales, down
 two boats and pursue them, but to no purpose
 returned on board, and by 3 P M had all three
 whales completely on board. Love too, a black
 OBS Lat 13-16 Long (Chrⁿ) 80-24



Tuesday 24th gentle Easterly trades & fair made sail &
 Jan 24th cleared the heads and began boiling out
 stood in to the N E by the wind all day
 but seeing nothing but dolphin, flying fish, and
 one humpback. At 7 P M wore ship & stood
 off S S W the latter part with brisk trades
 at S E N E & lowry weather
 OBS Lat 12-48 Long at 6 P M, 79-56

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. P. West Master

Wednesday 25th ^{Jan^y} Brisk S E trades and fair weather stood off by the wind under 3 topsails & stay sails, finished repairing the waith boat that was stove by the last whales and put her in her place again. saw many flying fish, a bonitoto, several dolphins, & one humpback but no other signs of a sperm whale except a carcass which must have been one of our own killing employ'd at boiling out throughout the 24 hours at 6 P M being far from the Continent wore ship and stood in all the latter part
OBS Lat 13-15 Long 79-02-15 at 6 P M

Thursday 26th ^{Jan^y} fresh S E trades and rough Peruvian weather standing in N E B E at 9 A M finished boiling out, begun to clear the hold for stowing but the oil being warm did not put it below saw immense flocks of flying fish but no whale of any kind OBS Lat 12-43 Long at noon 79-52-30

Friday 27th ^{Jan^y} strong S E trades and lowry weather stood in till 5 A M then being (P M) at 29 leagues from Callao, wore ship and steered West until noon finding myself on the same ground where whales have before been very plenty haul'd up W S W and continued with a strong trade all the remaining part of the day without seeing anything but a few flying fish & one humpback at 7 P M hove too headed S W being about 56 leagues from the Continent employ'd, stow'd down our last fare of seventy-nine barrels of sperm-oil
OBS Lat 11-43 Long at noon 79-11-45 P M

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Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Capt. West Master

Saturday 28th January

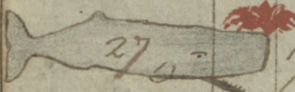
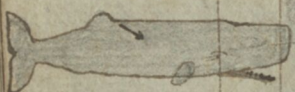
moderate S E trades and lowry weather laying hove too, at 5 A M made sail steered W S W through the day, and W B S during night under barely three topsails saw nothing during the day but a few flying-fish, employ'd occasionally at after stoing a cask of oil. OBS Lat 12-09 Long at 6 P M 81-14 being 83 leagues West of Callao

Sunday 29th January

brisk trades at E S E steering W B S with all cruising-sail set, at 2 P M saw a great N of sperm-bull-whales towindward down all boats and pursued them but to no purpose, return'd on board and saw other whales to the NW stood toward them down boats and at sunset struck one, but by the harpoon breaking could not touch the whale again, took up the boats and laid on, and off, during night under easy sail at 6 P M Lima E 2 S 82 OBS Lat 11-50 Long at 6 P M 83-07-30

Monday 30th January

fresh S E trades and lowry weather cruising on & off by the wind at 6 A M saw a few sperm bull whales near the ship, down all boats pursued & struck two of them, one of which cleared himself of the harpoon and the other we killed and by 11 had all cut in, saw other whales teloward whilst cutting in, kept off for them but saw nothing but a few bonitos & dolphin haul'd upon a wind to the E N E and stood in the remaining part of these 24 hours, set the try-works on to boiling out the winds continuing fresh and very rugged Peruvian weather OBS Lat 11-32 Long at 6 P M 83-00-00 being 105 leagues from the nearest part of the Continent



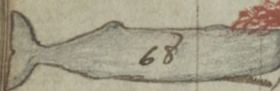
Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West Master

Tuesday 31st January - strong S E trades and dark lowry weather standing off by the wind throughout the day employ'd finished boiling out, and stowed the oil of our small whale below, filling twenty seven barrels, at 5 P M just as our oil was all down we saw sperm whales in the S E quarter ply'd up to them, down boats and pursued them before an uncommon fresh wind until night without getting so near as to touch one of them return'd on board and continued headed off under single reef topsails all the remaining part OBS Lat 11-25 Long at 6 P M 83-11 being 110 leagues from the nearest land

Wednesday 1st February - strong E S E trades and rugged Peruvian weather stood off by the wind until 5 A M then about ship and steered N E until 4 P M when we saw a large body of sperm whales that were going towards down all boats and pursued them until night without being able to touch one of them, return'd on board amidst a great number of whales, but darkness prevented our doing anything with them stood in by the wind under considerable sail OBS Lat 11-30 Long at noon 83-06-00

Thursday 2^d February - strong S E trades and very rough whale weather stood off S S W over what has been good ground at 3 P M saw several bull sperm whales down boats and pursued them, struck two but killed only one, which at 2 past 4 took along side at 5 look'd on and at 12 past 7 had him all on board, made moderate sail & stood off by the wind at noon OBS Lat 11-12, Long at 6 P M 83-10 distance from the nearest land 104 Leagues

- Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West Master
- Friday 3rd February gentle S E trade winds and (as something new) tolerable fair whale weather, cruising about in search of whale employ'd at clearing a whales head, and set the works on to boiling out, at 8 A M saw several sperm-whales at 9 slack'd our fires down all three boats, pursued and at 11 struck and killed two of them; at 1 P M got them fast to our bows, hook'd on and at 7 had the blubber of both of them on board, secured the heads under the feet of Cyrus, and set the try-works on again to boiling out, saw B. fish, dolphin, bonitors, and large flocks of flying fish, plenty of Man-of-War-hawks some tropic birds, a few dodging hagglets, and but very few of the horse-shoe-hagglets or pitternels
- OBS Lat 11-28 Long 83-19 being 104 leagues from the nearest part of the Continent
- Saturday 4th Feb^y in light S E trades and very fair Peruvian-like weather at 7 A M slack'd our fires hook'd on to our heads and at 10 had them on board, made sail and stood in by the wind E N E and set the works on again to boiling out saw nothing but one bonitor, one shark, & but few birds
- OBS Lat 11-27 Long at noon 83-26-45 being 106 leagues from the nearest land which is Cayma in lat 9-50
- Sunday 5th Feb^y light airs in the E S E quarter and fair weather stood in to the N E by the wind throughout the ^H 24 well employ'd at making the best sperm-oil that can be possibly produced saw nothing worth notice during the day as if we had lost the lively ground where we have so recently seen so lively
- OBS Lat 11-01 Long at noon 82-51-45 P Chroⁿ



Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West

Monday 6th Feb^y in brisk trades at ESE and fair weather at 6 A.M. finished boiling out, cleared the main hold and stowed down our capital fare of one hundred and two barrels of sperm oil seeing nothing on this ground tack'd ship and steered for the same spot where whales were very plenty all of the last week

OBS Lat 10-44 Long at noon 82-38-30

Tuesday 7th Feb^y strong S E trades and rough whale weather steered South until 5 A.M. then seeing plenty of flocks of flying fish, some fowls &c. steered S.W. until noon then W.S.W. till 7 P.M. but not finding no encouragement shortened sail and run off West till 12 & have too employ'd stowing down our water and overhauling shoals or packs took some of the largest and set them up

OBS Lat 12-00 Long at 7 P.M. 84-16 being 140 leagues West of Callao or 124 leagues from the nearest land

Wednesday 8th Feb^y fresh S E trades and rough weather standing in by the wind (from the Longitude of 85-00 West) all these 24 hours without seeing but a few flying fish, & but very few fowls, or birds, of any kind. Having cruised over, and upon all sides of the ground where whales were plenty last week, without seeing anything

OBS Lat 11-37 Long at 5 A.M. 84-45 (83-30-15 at 6 P.M.)

Thursday 9th Feb^y in very light winds varying all round the Compass with continual heavy rain from 4 A.M. to 2 P.M. when the wind settled in the usual quarter and the weather became fair & stood in by the wind and at 6 P.M. saw a strange sail in the N.E. & stood on our course but might prevented any further knowledge of the stranger. saw nothing but a finback.

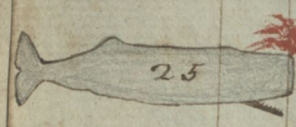
Lat 10-58 Long 83-00

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West

Friday 10th Feb^y first part brisk winds at ESE and very steady rain so as to catch considerable water in the boats stood in until 5 AM then off until 7 when the thick weather cleared and we saw a strange sail WSW of us that appeared to be chasing whales, run down and found it to be ship Barclay of New Bedford Capt. Gid^o Randall 6th Mo^o out and 60 Bl^l on board, and one 40 Bl^l whale along side, continued my course in pursuit of the whales but could not see any during this day, hauled by the wind and stood to the South in all the latter part in Co with the Barclay
Obs Lat 9-53 Long at noon 82-08, the land 81

Saturday 11th Feb^y gentle ESE trades standing to the South by the wind at 7 AM saw several bull sperm whales in the SE quarter, made signal to the Barclay at 8 down all boats struck and killed one whale and chased the others until 11 without getting near them returned to the ship and at noon took our whale alongside and at 3 PM had it all on board set the works on to boiling out, stood off and on
Obs Lat 10-42 Long at noon 82-27-00

Sunday 12th Feb^y gentle SE trades and fair weather cruising on and off by the wind in company with ship Barclay without seeing anything but a few flying-fish and bonitors during the day employ'd at and finished boiling out, cleared the hold but found the oil too warm for running down took our water from forward and (for better sailing trim) stood it aft upon the q^d deck
Obs Lat 10-45 Long at noon 82-42-00



1809
Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West, Master

Monday 13th Feb^y fresh S E trades and fair weather cruising off and on, by the wind throughout these 24 hours without seeing the breath of a fish, saw a carcass, a few bonitos and flying fish as well as some Man of war hawks but could not meet the whales that on the first of this month were so very plenty on this same part of the Coast the Barclay still in sight

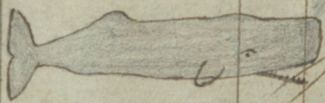
OBS Lat 11-30 Long at noon 83-29-45 being one hundred and ten leagues from the nearest land

Tuesday 14th Feb^y first part strong S E trades with frequent showers of rain cruising off and on by the wind under all sail by day and short sail by night. latter part fair with moderate trades saw but few small fish and not many more birds likewise the breach of a whale but could not see it afterwards the Barclay still in sight

OBS Lat 11-02 Long at noon 82-21-00

Wednesday 15th Feb^y gentle S E trades and fair cruising off and on, by the wind in E with the Barclay, at noon saw about 15 or 20 sperm bull whales in the Eastern g^t at 4 P M down all boats and pursued them without getting within half a mile of a whale with either of the Cyrus's boats. The Barclay took one whale continued laying off and on by the wind under easy sail during night and all sail by day

OBS Lat 10-45 Long at noon 82-00



Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Jan^y 1809

Thursday 16th Feb^y - brisk trades and rough weather all the fore part
at 6 A.M. saw a single sperm whale, down all
boats struck the whale but could not get within
dart of her afterwards, as it continued running from
1/2 past 6 to 1/2 past 9 in which time it exceeded
20 miles distance, at length the harpoon (as we could
not get a second into her) broke, and the whale went
off, stood in by the wind in C with the Barclay
and saw a strange sail in the E N E quarter
which proved on a nearer view to be a light Spanish brig
at 3 P.M. the Barclay made signal for whales
down boats and as the sun was in the horizon struck
one, killed and took it along side at 7 P.M. and
hoove too for daylight, winds unsettled in the N E of E
OBS Lat 10-42 Long at noon 81-40-45

Friday 17th Feb^y - brisk trades at S E and rough weather throughout
these 24 hours, at 5 A.M. hooked on to our whale
and at 1/2 past 7 had him all on board, made sail
as before stood in by the wind, E N E in C with
the Barclay until noon, then she tack'd off, and at 2
P.M. was out of sight, at 4 we saw several sperm
whales down all boats, struck one that soon stove
my boat, but both of the other boats being at hand
one took the whale and killed it, whilst the other
took up the crew and boat and took all on board
at 7 P.M. got the whale to the bows, but by the
line breaking we were until 11 at night before
we got the whale secure to the bows, at length
secured the whale and hoove too for daylight
OBS Lat 10-15 Long at noon 81-37-30

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, West. Master

Saturday
Feb 17

18th light S E trades and very fair weather throughout
 then 24 hours, at 6 A.M. hooked on to our whale
 and at noon had it on board made sail as usual
 by the wind, and cruized on & off the remaining part
 of these 24 hours with the works on to boiling out
 shifted the stern boat to the starboard quarter and
 prepared her for a whale, saw and caught plenty of
 dolphin, saw flying fish, and man-of-war hawks only
 OBS Lat 9-48 Long at noon 81-35-00

Sunday
Feb 18

19th brisk S E trades and hazy weather
 cruising off & on by the wind at 7 A.M.
 saw the Barclay, at 10 spoke her at 4 P.M.
 saw a strange sail bearing E N E at 6 found
 it to be the same spanish brig that we saw on
 the 16 instant, plenty of flying fish, dolphin &
 hawks, but no kind of whale, employ'd at
 boiling out all the 24 hours and repairing the
 stern boat, OBS Lat 10-17 Long 82-10

Monday
Feb 19

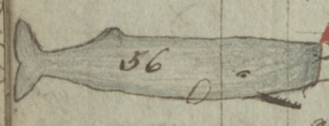
20th brisk S E trades and fair Peruvian weather
 cruising on and off by the wind, in E with the Barclay
 saw the spanish brig again but did not speak her
 employ'd at, and finished boiling out, our last whales
 then opened the hold and prepared for stowing the
 oil as soon as cold enough, still at work upon the
 stern boat finding her to need much more repairs
 than was expected, plenty of hawks and flying fish
 about the ship
 OBS Lat 10-14 Long at noon 82-02-15

Ship *Cross* whaling on the Coast of Peru. *Sam West* Master

Tuesday 21st Feb 1869 gentle S E trades and fair weather cruising off & on by the wind through the day without seeing any kind of whale, saw hawks, eagles, jetties, boobies, and plenty of flying fish and some dolphin at 11 A.M. saw a sail in the Western quarter which proved to be the Barclay that was in sight yesterday employ'd at boat mending & stowed down the oil of our two last whales filling ninety two bl.
OBS Lat 11-01 Long at noon Chro 81-15-00

Wednesday 22nd Feb 1869 light winds at E S E and fair weather cruising off and on by the wind, at 6 A.M. saw several sperm-bull whales down boats and struck a large whale that sounded immediately and took away 250 fathoms of whale-line, afterwards we struck and killed another whale, took her along side and at 4 P.M. had her all on board, saw the Barclay take whale, from amongst the same that we took ours. made sail (although nearly calm) & stood by the wind and begun boiling oil
OBS Lat 10-22 Long at noon Chro 80-36-45

Thursday 23rd Feb 1869 light trades prevailing as far as East & fair, cruising on and off by the wind without seeing anything worth notice during the day, employ'd at and finished (at 8 P.M.) boiling our whale. the Barclay still continuing in sight under our lee finished repairing our boat and found her in good order for service again, painted her &
OBS Lat 10-27 Long at noon Chro 80-38-45
by which my distance from land is about 53 leagues



Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru Paul West Master 1809

Friday
February

24th - brisk trades at E S E and rough Peruvian weather
cruising off and on by the wind, at 4 P M stood so far
to the End as to find myself on the outermost part of
the green water, and having lost sight of the great
abundance of flying-fish, Dolphin, Bonitors, and Hawks, that
we have lately seen on good whale ground, I judged
myself within the best ground, about ship accordingly
and headed off S W N S all the latter part in C^o
with the Barclay, employ'd stood down our last fare
of sperm-oil filling fifty-six barrels

OBS Lat 10-21 Long at 4 P M (on the G-water) 80-20-00

Saturday
Feb^y

25th - gentle S E trades and fair weather all the fore
part, standing off by the wind in C^o with the
Barclay, at 11 A M saw a strange sail in the
S W quarter, the weather proving equally lost sight
of her for two hours then saw and spoke her, proving
to be the John Jay of Nantucket 400 on board 6 m^{en} out
no whale seen to day employ'd at preparing for whale

OBS Lat 10-37 Long at noon 80-54-15 P^{er} C^o

Sunday
Feb^y

26th - brisk S E trades and rough Peruvian weather
all the fore part, latter part moderate trades &
fair, continuing standing off by the wind in C^o
with the Barclay, and the John Jay, saw nothing but
the carcass of a whale that must have been killed
by somebody that we have no knowledge of,
unemploy'd as usual on Sundays

saw but few flying-fish or any other signs of
lively ground, the water very racy

OBS Lat 11-38 Long at noon 81-35-00

Ship *Cyrus* whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West, Master

Monday 27th February gentle S E trades and fair weather. stood off S S W by the wind through the day lasing the Barclay, and John-Jay in the N E quarter saw plenty of flying fish, dolphin and some hawks but no kind of whale since the 22^d instant
 OBS Lat 12-35 Long at noon 82-43-00 (C^o)

Tuesday 28th Feb^ry. brisk trades prevailing as far as East all the fore part, standing in to the N E by the wind saw two sail in the Eastern q^r which at noon found to be the John-Jay, and the Barclay, at 2 P M saw a strange sail in the N E quarter, stood towards each other until 4 then being about 2 miles apart she backed to the E^{ne} and spread all cruising sail and display'd French colours, but knowing her to be the Charlton, I continued in chase of her until 5 P M when on coming up with her I hailed her but received no other satisfaction than to find the Charlton still under the command of Capt. Folger, and the officers and crew apparently in their respective places the Charlton continued under all sail, and hastened (as night came on) out of our sight with all speed Capt. Folger having peremptorily rejected the invitation that I gave him to come on board, nor did he ask any question about either the ship or myself being confident that no mutiny on board of the Charlton had taken place, or anything else amiss, (although contrary to the opinion of Capt. Coffin, or Capt. Randall) I shortened sail for the night and at 8 lost sight of the Charlton. latter part gentle trades & fair stood in N E by the wind

OBS Lat 11-37 Long at noon 81-41-30

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West Master

Wednesday
March

1st gentle S E trades and fair weather. stood in N E with a side wind throughout these 24 hours, at 10 A M lost sight of the John Jay in the western quarter the Barclay continuing in sight under the lee saw plenty of bonitors, flying-fish, hawks & tropic birds, but no kind of spouting fish. employ'd as usual
OBS Lat 10-29 Long at noon 80-40-00 ϕ Chr^m

Thursday
March

2nd light S E trades and fair. steered in N E seeing plenty of bonitors and flying fish as well as hawks and several sword-fish try'd but in vain to take one of them. This morning crossed the outermost strip of green water and in the course of the day run over a strip of dark coloured water and entered on the shore green water, at 7 P M it becoming racy try'd for bottom with 200 fathoms of line but found none, wore ship and steered West all the latter part. Lat 9-18-15 Long ϕ Chr^m 79-31-15 and by W. 80-00-00

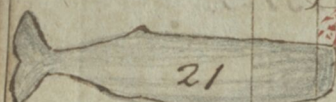
Friday
March

3rd gentle S E trades and fair weather steered West throughout these 24 hours the Barclay in the N E quarter spreading a space of 12-05-15 miles (which is equal to a double knowledge of the ground) without seeing anything except flying-fish, bonitors, hawks, & tropic birds, employ'd as usual shifted M^r T. S. put on our old one & c, & c, as necessary
OBS Lat 9-08 Long 81-40-15 ϕ Chronometer being about 53 leagues from the nearest land

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West

Saturday 2th gentle S E trades and fair weather throughout
March these 24 hours, steered West in \bar{C} with the Barclay
until 7 P.M. having at length arrived to the ground
where a spout is to be seen, although from nothing
larger than Bfish, saw plenty of bonitos, and flying-fish
employ'd shifted Mainsails and foretopsails put on our
old black sails and began to increase the size of the S.S.
by taping in a cloth in the bunk of it, ends, hove too
OBS Lat 8-35 Long 83-33-15, or 70 from Lobos-Mer

Sunday 3th brisk trades at S E and rough Peruvian weather
March at 5 A.M. made sail, steered West in \bar{C} with
the Barclay, at 2 P.M. the Barclay made signal
for sperm-whales, she being in the S S E quarter,
hauled up close on a wind to the S S W and at 2 past
2 we down two boats and pulled towardward, at 4
I struck a whale that stove my boat and oblig'd
me to wait one of the Barclays boats that came and
took me up, and carried me on board, whilst my Mate
held fast to the whale and soon killed her, took up the
stoven boat, and at 5 took the whale along-side
and at 7 had her all on board, and hove too, the
Barclay took one whale. Lat 8-42 Long 84-40



Monday 6th gentle S E trades and fair throughout this day
March at 7 A.M. delivered the head of yesterdays whale as the
Just due to the Barclay for enabling us to keep
fast to the whale and kill her whilst saving my
crew, boat, line, &c. afterwards stood off S S W
but saw nothing only Bfish, and at 5-30 P.M. saw
the Breach of some kind of whale bear S E 8 miles
drew towardward all the latter part.
OBS Lat 8-49 Long 85-10-45, Lobos 90 lgs

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West Master

Tuesday
March

7th strong trades at East and squally, rainy, weather with a very rugged peruvian sea on; Standing to the S. in pursuit of whales seen yesterday (or some other) finished boiling out, and stowed down the oil of our last whale filling twenty one barrels. saw nothing but a few small fish. at 2 P.M. about ship & stood in N.E. by the wind, the Barclay under our lee a manoeuvring run down and found she had taken two Bfish. latter part stood in under easy sail for the night
OBS Lat 9-03 Long at noon 84-43. *W. H. M.*

Wednesday
March

8th strong trades with squalls of rain and rugged W. standing in to the N.E. by the wind saw nothing but porpoises and Bfish. put off all three boats and try'd to catch one, but to no purpose. spoke the Barclay found they had seen nothing lately. at 7 P.M. shortened sail for the night; employ'd as necessary on a F.T.H.
OBS Lat 7-53 Long at noon 83-50-00 *W. H. M.*

Thursday
March

9th very strong S.E. trades and rugged peruvian weather stood in by the wind, at 6 A.M. saw several bull sperm. whales going towindward very fast, at 7 down all boats and pulled towindward for the whales until 10 A.M. being out of sight of the ship-keepers & getting no nearer to the whales, gave up the chase and returned on board, and made all sail to the S.W. by the wind, having made signal for whales to the Barclay at 1 P.M. lost sight of her in the E. in quarter at 3 saw another sperm. whale on our weather bow that was going towindward so fast that we saw her only two risings, at 5 less wind and moderate, tack'd in to the E. by the wind, nothing in sight, employ'd at sails finished the F.T.H. and shifted the M. do.
OBS Lat 7-22 Long 83-09 Lobos Mer 51 Lgs.



Ship *Cyrus* whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West, Master

Friday 10th March - gentle trades at ESE and pleasant weather
stood in to NE by the wind saw nothing but
B. fish, took one off them, employ'd at sails &c,
at 10 PM headed off for half the night
having entered upon the green water nearest the land
Obs Lat 7.02 Long Peruvian 82.53

Saturday 11th March - brisk trades prevailing at East and from 6 AM
to 11 at EN E standing to the N by the wind
in the afternoon the land wind flag'd away and a breeze
sprung up at SE, with which I continued standing
in all the remaining part of the 24 hours
saw nothing but a very few small fish, and a like
number of birds, the colour of water very dark
bordering on a green, employ'd at sails &c Long
Lat 6.13

Sunday 12th March - gentle trades prevailing at EN E & East
with a very smooth sea on, covered with rices
resembling strong tide-rises stood in to the NN E by
the wind, at noon took the regular SE trade
and continued until 10 PM then laid off & on
during night under easy sail, the sea of a greenish
colour but nothing to be seen in it, or out of it
Lat 5.00

Monday 13th March - gentle SE and Easterly trades and fair weather
standing in by the wind under easy sail at night &
all sail by day, at 9 AM saw Payta head bearing
E & S at 11 the land being clearly seen at 10 leagues
dist & B. about ship & steered West and made all
possible speed off of this barren looking part of the
coast which appears as if no whale was ever on it
employ'd at sails &c as necessary, set a main royal
Obs Lat 4.20 Long Peruvian 81.50 at noon

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West, Master

Tuesday 14th March - gentle Easterly and S E trades and fair weather steering W S W with all sail set, at 6 A M our distance from Payta was 50 leagues, and the ship to the westward of the green water, continued to the W S W passing through abundance of small fish, such as bonitos, albacores, dolphin, B. fish, and some flying-fish, at 3 1/2 P M met a very large shoal of B. fish laying so tempting that we hoord our boats and attack'd them at 6 we took two of them on board having killed and lost another very large one with 15 of line & one harpoon, shortened sail and stood to the S S W under three topsails during night

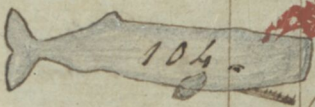
OBS Lat 5-44 Long of Per 84-15 at 6 P M

Wednesday 15th March - light Easterly winds and fair weather all these 24th steered S S W under easy sail until 5 A M then made all sail steered W S W at 3 1/2 P M saw two carcasses of whales, at 7 hove too and laid until 12 having seen six shoals of B. fish, in the course of the day but very few fish else, or birds of any kind

OBS Lat 5-15 Long of Per 85-35 or Payta 91 Lgs

Thursday 16th March - first part fresh wind at East with smart squalls of wind and rain steered N N W under topsails until 5 A M, then W S W with all sail set, at 8 A M saw a large shoal of S. Whales in the N W quarter at 10 down all three boats (although the second mate Mr. Forbes off of duty) struck and killed several whales and by 4 P M had one large whale and two small ones fast under Cyrus's feet, but could not find any more, even them that were waff, hook'd on and cut in ~~in~~ one small one, and set the works on to boiling out

Lat of Per 5-22 Long of Per 85-50



Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West, Master

Friday
March

17th - light Easterly winds and calm throughout these 24^{hrs}
laying well employ'd at taking in sperm whale
took in one large whale, and one small one being
the whole that we could collect of yesterday, slaughtered
then set the works on to boiling out, at 3 P.M.
a light breeze sprang up to E.N.E. to which we
trim'd our sails with a view of further search for
whales, dead or alive? saw plenty of B. fish & dolphins
OBS Lat 4-38 Long Per 86-05 Dayta 101

Saturday
March

18th - light winds between N.E. and S.E. with flights
of mist, at 7 A.M. fell in with one of our dead
whales and prepared to take her in, but found her
burst, although but 43 hours dead, took our harpoon
and waff out of her and let her go having lost her
by the waff staff being broken down
saw plenty of B. fish only, well employ'd at boiling
out all the 24 hours laying off & on by the wind
OBS Lat 4-42 Long Per 86-15-30 Dayta 102
Bearing of Catham Is. N 30° W distance 110 Lys

Sunday
March

19th - light variable winds and some smart showers of
rain which obliged us to put out our fires twice in 5^{hrs}
at the very last state of our blubber which occasioned a
loss of considerable oil between-decks, at 3 A.M. took
a gentle breeze at East with which we steered
N.N.E. until 6 P.M. then hove too, aback for the
night having seen nothing for the day, finished
boiling out and prepared for stowing down the oil
OBS Lat 4-54 Long Per 86-08-45 Dayta 102

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West Master

Monday 20th March gentle Easterly winds with showers of rain laying aback until 5 A.M. then fill'd and steer'd North, saw plenty of B. fish and at noon saw a great number of sperm whales in the W.S.W. quarter pursued them and at 1 P.M. down all boats, but could not touch any more than one of them, which at 2 P.M. we had secured to the bows, but having our last oil partly stowed into the main hold, let the whale lie along side until we had stowed the remainder, filling one hundred & four barrels, at 5 P.M. looked on to our fresh whale and by sunset had his head nearly cut off but night prevented our doing more. So laid aside for day light.

OBS Lat 3-50 Long 86-33 (Blanco 109)

Tuesday 21st March brisk Easterly wind with heavy showers of rain all the fore part, at 5 A.M. look'd on to our whale and at noon had her all cut in, having gentle trades at E.S.E. and fair weather. Let the works on to boiling out, saw plenty of albacores, and bonitors, and some B. fish, one dolphin, & hawks, at 5 P.M. calm.

OBS Lat 3-40 Long 86-42-45 (Blanco 112 leagues)

Wednesday 22nd March gentle trades at E.S.E. and fair, laid aback until 5 P.M. then fill'd and steer'd, S.W. under all sail without seeing anything during the day except a few small fish, and man-of-war hawks employ'd at, and finished trying out our last whale latter part fresh trades at S.E. B.E. continuing my route to the South, under easy sail at night.

OBS Lat 3-58 Long 87-27-15 (Blanco 127 leagues, and Chatham Island (Born N 30 1/2 W Dist - 69 Leagues)

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West 1809

Thursday 23rd March
brisk trades at ESE with squalls of rain, and an ugly short swell from the SSE standing to the South through the 24 hours, at 11 A.M. saw breaches of whales, which proved to be humpbacks saw albacores but no B-fish or any other common companion of sperm-whales. employ'd as necessary stow'd part of our oil into the main hatchway, which fill'd it full of best sperm-oil, the remaining part of the oil being warm, did not finish stowing it below. OBS Lat 5-47 Long 88-01-45

Friday 24th March
brisk trades at ESE and equally stood to the South by the wind until 5 A.M. under short sail, then wore ship & stood to the NE. the winds baffling between NE and ESE continued flying to windward on the most advantageous tack all the remaining part of the 24th. saw nothing but a few flying-fish, and a parcel of Killers finish'd stowing down the oil of our last whale filling sixty-six barrels found our T. J. Mackstay parted OBS Lat 5-14 Long 87-52-00

Saturday 25th March
all the fore part of this day we had very unsteady winds sometimes as much as we could carry by the top, and then quite calm, with showers of rain so frequent as to be almost a constant rain the winds varying about between NNE and ESE stood to the N by the wind. at 3 P.M. the rain cleared away and the regular fresh SE trade set in with which we stood to the ENE all the latter part having seen nothing but one dolphin during the day employ'd at refilling our purchase blocks found much fault with the Patent blocks and put others in their place
Lat 5-01
Long 87-25

1809

Ship *Ceres* whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West

Sunday 26
March

brisk trades prevailing between S E and E S E with some squalls of rain and mist standing to the E N E ^{and} close by the wind throughout these 24 hours saw nothing in the sea but two albacores and very few flying-fish, the weather continuing so dark and every celestial object so continually obscured that I find it impossible to get my Long & Lunar observation
Obs Lat $4^{\circ}32'$ Long $86^{\circ}18'$ (Blame 104 Lps)

Monday 27
March

the gentle trades at S E to E S E with fair W^{ind} until 10 P M when the regular trade flag'd away and light variable winds with steady rain continued the remaining part of the 24 hours. stood in E N E ^{and} by the wind until noon without seeing anything alive in the sea, and coming into strong rips or races about ship and stood to the S S W the latter part
Obs Lat $2^{\circ}58'$ S, Long at noon $84^{\circ}35'$ and about 70 leagues to the Westward of the Continent of Peru

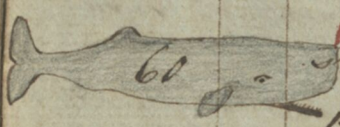
Tuesday 28
March

light variable winds in the S E and E ^{and} quarters and calms with a steady rain and smooth sea, very much like the bay of Panama, according to Capt^t Colnett, and Vancouver, stood to the S ^{and} with what little flaws attended the rain, and at 4 P M took the wind at S E and South and continued on the larboard tack all the latter part without any rain the weather having been so dark and rainy as to render the look-outs at the mast heads almost useless, & entirely to prevent any kind of ships duty being carried on. plenty of albacores about the ship, and one dolphin which we caught. saw a few porpoises,
Lat $3^{\circ}30'$ Long $85^{\circ}00'$

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West Master

Wednesday 29th March
 this day begins with a gentle trade at S S E and a fair appearance of a fine day, to which we spread all of our light sails, that were on the points of damage through the constant preceding rains. but at 9 A M the wind and heavy rain came over from the N W that killed the S S E trade and blew a gentle breeze at N N W with which we steered S S E at the rate of 3 or 4 knots until noon, then it fell calm with a cross sea on, that soon produced holes through our old sails at 3 P M took a gentle breeze at S S E, stood off S W by the wind all the latter part with fair weather saw nothing but albacores and very few smaller fish
 Lat 8° 12' Long 85° 34'

Thursday 30th March
 gentle S S E and Southerly trades and dark lowering and sometimes rainy weather stood to the S W by the wind, at 9 A M saw a famous school of sperm-whales in the Western quarter, at 10 down boats struck and killed three whales, but by being far apart did not get them secured under Cyrus's feet until 3 P M, hooked on to the largest whale and by 6 had it on board, hove too, and began boiling out
 Lat 8° 50' Long 86° 20'



Friday 31st March
 brisk S E trade and tolerable fair, at 5 A M slackened the fires and hooked on to our whales, at 6 variable winds with heavy rain at 9 had the two whales on board, the weather clearing set the fires on again but had scarcely got them a going, when the rain fell so fast as to make six inches of water in an empty cooler by noon which put our fires entirely out, having a smart squall at S E in the midst of the rain that reduced us to 3 S S E 2 S S W at 1 P M it moderated, with brisk S E trades and fair all the latter part, stood S W by the wind, & began boiling again
 Lat 5° 12' Long 87° 45'

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West Master
 Saturday 1st April

This month begins with brisk S E trades and fair W^{ind} standing off S S W^{ind} by the wind well employed at boiling out the fat of oil that will increase our cargo to above one hundred tons, at 2 P M having every appearance of a steady S E trade and fair weather and being as far Westward as the meridian of Latham Island and nothing to be seen, tack'd ship and stood in by the wind but at 3 P M just as we had finished boiling the winds became variable with smart squalls of wind & rain from the End that reduced us to 3 topsails & two stay sails

OBS Lat 5-34 Long W^{est} at 2 P M 89-10
 Latham Island North 92 leagues. Day's E 4-00 N 16 2 L^{egues}

Sunday
 April

2nd brisk trades between E S E and S S E standing to the End by the wind employed at setting up packs as usual and stowed down the oil of our last whales filling sixty barrels at 6 P M the weather became squally with the winds varying about the Eastern quarter and continued rainy all the latter part of the 24 hours, to the damage of our sails

OBS Lat 5-04 Long at noon W^{est} 88-00

Monday
 April

3rd light winds varying about the Eastern quarter with calms and almost constant rain standing to the N End by the wind (when there was any) throughout these 24 hours the weather so very dirty and thick as to prevent any duty being done, as well as to make the look-outs quite useless almost the whole day, saw a shoal of porpoises and one solitary turtle. Did not attempt to catch it the winds proving so light and generally far End with almost constant rain and thick weather during these last two weeks that we have not an opportunity of as much knowledge of what may be on this ground in one week, as we should have in one fair day with the common S E trade, the most we can see is the destruction of our old sails

OBS Lat 5-34 Long W^{est} at 86-26 Blanco 107 leagues

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Capt. West Master

Tuesday
April

The light winds varying about the Eastern quarter, and calms with almost constant heavy rain making the best of the light breezes by standing South ^{and} close by the wind at 9 A.M. took a Wh fish out of a shoal that were passing the ship. at 1 P.M. the weather clearing a little showed the mast heads and discovered whales of some kind through the rain in the E.N.E. there being but light wind at E.N.E. and an appearance of clearer weather. We down boats for the whales but we had scarcely got a cables length from the ship when in a squall from the S.E. took her aback and ran her whole cabin windows under and shipped water into the stern ports, the cabin of course received as much water as the windows would admit (all of them being open) and set every moveable thing afloat in the cabin, wet some sails, canoes, all of my Navigation books &c. &c. and nobody on board but what was veg'd on deck, the weather becoming very thick we returned on board with speed and took up the boats having seen nothing stood in E.N.E. with fresh wind and dirty weather but saw no more of the whales therefore did not ascertain their kind, having now a strong wind with the continual rain, it made destruction amongst our sails and rigging so that our jibstay, Main-top sail sheet, and main tack and sheet parting at about the same time we had as much as all hands could do to repair damages in ropes and yet not so much wind as to hurt the sails when loose at 9 P.M. fresh wind at E.N.E. wore ship and stood to the South ^{and} by the wind during night

Lat $5^{\circ} 45'$ Long $86^{\circ} 30'$

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Ship *Cyrus* whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West Master

Wednesday
April 5th as something new, we had steady brisk S E trades and common dry Peruvian weather from the beginning to the end of these 24 hours, cruising off and on by the wind, amongst plenty of hawks, flying-fish, bonitos, & albacores, made good use of this fair day by drying all of our sails & shifting the Foresail, foretop-sail, foretopmast staysail, Main-top-sail, and Main-M-sail, all needing considerable repairs
Obs Lat 4-58 Long Wth 86-33 Day to 110 leagues

Thursday
April 6th brisk S E trades and fair weather all the fore part latter part light trades and lowry continued standing in by the wind until 6 P M. having entered the ripe, or racy water and entirely destitute of any birds or fish of any kind except albacores and but little prospect of kinder ground within us, about ship and carried all sail to the S Wnd all the latter part Employ'd, repairing sails and rigging (Blanco 63 L^g)
Obs Lat 4-04 Long Wth 86-30-15

Friday
April 7th gentle S E trades and fair weather standing off S Wnd by the wind, passing through shoals of B-fish in the course of the day, saw man-of-war-hawks, Gulls, & flying-fish, but no larger fish, repaired sails, set up casks, & as necessary
Obs Lat 4-50 Long 85-24-45 Day to 90 leagues
at 8 P M heavy rain that continued till midnight

Saturday
April 8th brisk S E trades and lowry weather stood off S Wnd by the wind through the day saw plenty of humpbacks or finbacks, and a few B-fish and porpoises, but no Whale on increasing our distance from the continent we find the sea more racy than usual without the distance of 75 L^g Employ'd setting up packs and repairing sails
Obs Lat 6-04 Long Wth 86-41-00, Punta de Lanza 112 L^g

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West Master

Sunday 9th fresh trades at S E cruising off and on by the wind
April until 6 A M then continued off S W seeing plenty
of finbacks and some B. fish and porpoises throughout the
day, at 6 P M being in Lat 7-00 and Long 88-00
which is distant from Punta de Lanza (being the nearest part of
the Continent) about 14 1/2 leagues and seeing nothing to
encourage cruising on this ground about ship and stood in
to the E N E and all the latter part
OBS Lat 6-38 Long 88-00 at 6 P M 88-00

Monday 10th brisk wind at S E and fair all the fore part, stood
April in E N E by the wind, middle and latter light winds
varying about the Eastern quarter, heading to the N
by the wind saw many humpbacks or finbacks
found our foretopmast-backstays parted again being the
fourth time without damage to the mast, striped and
found it unfit for its place, but having no suitable rope
to supply its place took up the end of the third cable and
with two strands of it made a pair of B-stays and
put them up in their place

OBS Lat 6-30 Long 86-52-30 P M

Tuesday 11th fresh S E trades and equally weather standing in by the
April wind, at 6 A M saw a strange sail in the S E quarter
at 9 spoke and found it to be the Barone of Longueville, Capt.
Salv. Pitts five months from London, and no whale on board.
stood in by the wind, and at noon the Barone made signal for
sperm-whales, at 4 P M down all boats pursued and only
touched one whale in the small, they set off and left us chasing
until 5 P M without getting within a mile of them,
gave up the chase and continued in N N E by the wind which
was moderate varying between E N and E S E

OBS Lat 5-34 Long 85-48-30 Punta de Lanza 25 Lys



1809
Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West Master

Wednesday 12th April gentle Easterly winds with some flights of squalls through the 24 hours stood to the NNE by the wind until 5 A.M. then about ship and stood to the SSE all the remaining part saw several shoals of B. fish, flying fish, man-of-war hawks, gulls, and tropic birds, but no whale the Baronefs of Longueuil in sight under the lee employ'd at sails &c as necessary. *Punta de Buja 85 leagues*
OBS Lat 5-16 Long *Phr* 85-48 *Phr* - 95-42

Thursday 13th April brisk trades between East and ESE and fair, stood off to the South by the wind until 6 A.M. then tack'd and stood in to the NE all the latter part of the 24 hours in Co with Ship Baronefs of Longueuil saw nothing but albacores and B. fish, took two of the latter
OBS Lat 5-48 Long *Phr* 85-33-15 *Punta* 90 lgs

Friday 14th April gentle breezes prevailing between ESE and ENE stood to the NE by the wind until 11 A.M. then to hold our Lat without increasing our distance from *Punta* about ship and stood to the SSE all the latter part at noon lost sight of the Baronefs in the NW quarter saw a few B. fish, and 8 or 10 dolphins an almost sure sign of sperm whales being on the ground although we have not the good success (as yet) to find them
OBS Lat 4-54 Long *Phr* 86-58-45 *Punta* 78 lgs

Saturday 15th April brisk Easterly trades and fair throughout the 24 continued standing to the SSE until noon without seeing anything but a few solitary finbacks, about ship & stood in to the NE all the latter part saw one shoal of B. fish, no fowls, nor small fish, employ'd repairing sails throughout the week
OBS Lat 6-15 Long *Phr* 86-50-45
Punta de Buja 76 leagues, no tide rips, or coloured water

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West, Master

Sunday 16th April
 gentle trades at ESE to SE and very fair weather stood in towards Payta with all sail set throughout the 24 hours. saw plenty of albacores, some hawks, and large flocks of pitterals resembling a dead whale at 1 1/2 mile dist. likewise saw a great many shoals of Bfish. this morning the colour of the sea was blue as usual, at 9 AM it began to loose the blue and by 6 PM (having run N 60 E 45 miles) the colour had become a light green.

OBS Lat 5-19 Long 81-14-15 Payta 14 1/2

Monday 17th April
 brisk trades between SE and ESE with large W. all the fore part, standing in by the wind with all sail set, at 7 AM found my distance from (Blanco) (P. L.) to be 22 leagues continued in and at noon saw (Blanco) bearing EBS 11 or 12 leagues the winds southing allowed me to head up East at 1 PM and at 2 ESE at 3 SE with a freshening breeze that obliged us to take in 1/2 S and single reef the top sails, at 5 1/2 PM we were close in shore about two miles towardward of Cape Blanco, it bearing N 1/2 E two miles, and Point Varinos S 1/2 W three miles. the nearest shore East one & a half mile, so that the ship, when we tack'd off, was on a line with the two points, did not sound, but saw no dangers off from the shore, saw nothing alive in the sea during the day, nor anything along shore, or upon the broad side of the Main Continent of Peru employ'd on board at sails and rigging, carried away the jib stay again,

OBS Lat 4-07 Long 81-20-45
 Cape Blanco's Long 81-6
 L. westward of the truth 1 1/2-15

1809

Ship Gross whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West Master

Tuesday 18th April
brisk S E trades and hazy weather standing off S S W by the wind on the usual green water. at noon finding myself nearly far enough Southward kept off S W and continued until 6 P M then hove too for the night having seen nothing during the day but a very few flying fish, a few bonitors, and gulls. employ'd as necessary undertook to splice our old jib stay again, but found it entirely spoiled (being always too small) condemned it, and were compelled by necessity to unreeve a winding tackle and make a jib stay of the fall. replaced the M-tackle with $\frac{24}{39}$ of a new fall having $\frac{15}{39}$ of the old one left.
Lat 5-01 Long 82-24-30 at 6 P M 82-24-30 Payta 34

Wednesday 19th April
brisk E S E trades a fair at 5 A M made all sail & steered N W S through the day without seeing but flying fish, bonitors, albacores, B-fish, and hawks. not a whale of any kind except B-fish. employ'd about the rigging and sails, having our sails dry shifted the foresail, foretopsail, and mizen-topsail to wear out the old sails first (of course) Note, last night when we hove too we were 35 leagues West of Payta, and on water that was very muddy green as is always the case near the land, we lay and drifted until 5 this morning when we found the water had changed to a deep blue colour and our distance from land was 41 leagues by a correct Line that has been only 60 hours from Cape Blanco
OBS Lat 5-07 Long at 6 P M 84-18-30 Payta 65
at 7 took in to three topsails under which we steered S W all the latter part with brisk S E trades a fair

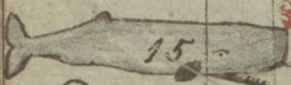
Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru Sant West

Thursday 20th April
 brisk trades at ESE and fair throughout these 24 hours, steered off SW until 7 PM having seen nothing but a few porpoises and birds during the day at 7 have too for half the night, this afternoon the Wth was sufficiently clear for taking a lunar observation, it being the first and only time since we came to the Nrd of Lat 10-00, accordingly ^{ing} found the Long of Lunar 86-23-15
 OBS Lat 5-52 Long of Chⁿ 86-11-00

Friday 21st April
 brisk trades at East & ESE and fair weather steered North during the day and laid off to the South during night under topsails and two staysails saw nothing but two shoals of B-fish and one Finback, employed as usual at seals, shifted the fish to wear the old one,
 OBS Lat 5-22 Long 86-23-00, Payta 107 leagues

Saturday 22nd April
 brisk SE trades with some smart showers of rain laid off to the Srd under topsails until 3 AM then wore ship and steered NNE, at 9 A saw a strange sail in the Northern of run down and spoke her, found it the Barone of Longueuil, Capt. Mills no whale on board nor to be seen at present on the Coast, run North till 8 PM seeing nothing have too for the night.
 OBS Lat 4-35 Long of Chⁿ 86-40 Payta 112 leagues

Sunday 23rd April
 brisk SE trades and fair at 5 A made sail, steered SW in company with the Barone & Longueuil, at noon saw a shoal of sperm-whales bearing South, at 1 PM put our chances together, down boats, struck one that cleared herself and set the whole shoal off, at 3 PM saw more whales down all boats & struck several but night prevented our saving any more than two small cows, took one to each ship, having lost 250 lbs at 9 PM perceived the ^{to be} rope parted and whale gone, down boat and by moonlight found our whale again, took her to the ship, & have too



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Lat 3-58

Long 87-00

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West, Master

Monday
April

24th brisk S E trades and fair weather at 5 A M look'd on to our whale and at 7 had her on board, carried 125 of line on board the Maroneps as my part of the loss, and as the whales were exactly of a size concluded to take separate chances considering the loss & gain as equally divided between us made sail to the N E by the wind at 3 P M saw several bull sperm whales in the Eastern quarter made signal to the Maroneps and at 4 down boats, but the whales being shy caught no more than one small whale, that by had cut in, the Maroneps took no whale, at 7 we made sail to the S by the wind & set the works on again to boiling out had some flights of rain
OBS Lat 3-57 Long 87-27-15 (Blanco 126)

Tuesday
April


25th fresh trades at S E B E & fair at 5 A M wore ship to the N E and at 8 saw a shoal of S. Whales in the E quarter at 9 down boats struck several whales amongst them a large whale by the 2^d mate that was lost for the want of life to kill her, mean while killed six small whales wafe four but after chasing until noon gave them up, returned and took three whales to the ship, having had the misfortune to loose all the rest at 4 hooked on and at 7 had them all on board, set the works on again & stood S by the wind, saw the Maroneps N of us Lat 4-15 Long 87-47-15

Wednesday
April

26th moderate S E B E trades and fair throughout there 24 at 5 A M wore ship to the N and at 9 saw whales to the N and to the W, steered N N E and at 11 down boats to a fine shoal of sperm-whales, struck and lost a very large whale, afterwards killed and saved only two small whales, the 1st mates boat getting badly stove took her on board and at 4 P M took both whales to the ship, and secured them for the night, fluked the spare boat to the L-quarter, and set the works on again, have too.
OBS Lat 4-36 Long 87-56 (Blanco 137)

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West, Master

Thursday 27th light trades at S E to E S E and fair weather
April at 7 A M slaked the fires, hook'd on to our whales and
at a past 9 had them both cut in, set the fires on again
and stood to the N E ⁱⁿ by the wind until 7 P M, seeing
nothing but three carcasses during the 24 hours
then wore ship and headed ⁱⁿ under three topsails &c for the night
having brisk E S E trades and some light flights of rain
Obs Lat 4-33 Long Per^u 88-21-15 (Blanco 145

Friday 28th brisk E S E trades with flights of rain at 5 A M
April finished boiling out, at 7 about ship to the N ⁱⁿ by the wind
and began to clear the hold for stowing down, at 3 1/2 P M
saw two large whales under the lee at 4 down all boats
and at 5-40 P M Mr. Forbes got along side of one of
them but for the want of what every good whaleman
possesses, he did not break the whales black-skin,
 only frightened the whale so that night prevented our
seeing her afterward, took up the boats & laid off & on
during night having part of our oil stowed down
Obs Lat 4-35 Long 88-25-45 (Blanco 146 leagues

Saturday 29th brisk trades at S E B S and flights of rain
April stood in to the E ⁱⁿ by the wind through the day
without seeing anything but a few porpoises, albacores,
and man-of-war hawks, at 6 P M being 42 1/2 leagues
West of Cape Blanco, and 20 leagues to the E ⁱⁿ of the
ground where we have lately seen plenty of whales
wore ship & steered S W during the latter part
finished stowing down the oil of our seven last whales
filling one hundred and eight barrels, refitted boats &c
carpenter employ'd at repairing the stoven boat
cooper at cask and packs as necessary
Obs Lat 4-25 Long at 6 P M 87-11-00 (Blanco 147

1809

Ship was whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West, Master
 Sunday 30th April

1st brisk S E trades and fair weather steering SW
 at 9 A M saw the Mammee of Longueville in the N W
 quarter at 1 P M spoke her they had seen whales five
 times in the last week but had no more than 60 on board
 at 3 saw a great many whales in the S E & bound to
 windward the wind being fresh had not the opportunity
 to lose a boat for them latter part lay head S
 OBS Lat 4-46 Long at noon 88-23 (Blanco 146)

Monday
 May

1st brisk S E trades and fair at 5 A M as soon as
 day break saw a fine parcel of bull sperm whales
 down all boats and struck one of them when at the
 same instant another of them struck my boat
 and stove in one bow, gave up my line to the 1st
 mate whilst the other boat took me on board took
 up the stoven boat and at 9 took the whale to
 the ship and by noon had her cut in at 11 saw a
 strange sail in N W & at 3 P M spoke and
 found it to be the Jefferson Capt. And^r Brock six
 months out & 20 Bbls for one small whale on board
 OBS Lat 5-00 Long 89-27-45 Payla 168 leagues

Tuesday
 May

2nd brisk S E trades with some showers of rain stood
 in by the wind finished bailing our little hull and
 made all possible dispatch with repairing our boats
 saw nothing during the day but one sail in the N E quarter
 opened the fore hold and stowed down the famous fare of
 fifteen barrels from our last whale finished repairing
 the L. L. boat and made some progress on our waist
 boat found her much worse than was expected cooper
 employ'd at making cask of an oval-headed form in order
 to increase their size for the benefit of good stowage
 OBS Lat 5-19 Long 90-00 at noon 88-56 Payla 158

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West, Master

Wednesday
May -

3rd Brisk trades at S E B E and fair weather stood in to the E N E by the wind, at 8 A M saw a strange sail in the W N W 1/2 standing off at 9 saw two large sperm whales, down boats, struck one, and by noon had him cabled along side afternoon look'd on, and found him to be the largest whale that ever came along side of the Cyrus. at 6 P M had the body all on board, but found the blubber to be very thin for a whale of such a size, and not of so good quality as we have frequently had on board. secured the head along side for daylight, and set the works on to boiling out, at midnight spoke the Jefferson again she had been in C with the Baronez, & John Jay, but neither have seen whale this month of May

Lat $11^{\circ} 45'$

Long $78^{\circ} 07' 25''$ Payta 141

Thursday
May -

4th Brisk trades at S E B E with flights of mist at 7 A M slack'd the fires, look'd on to the head and at noon had it on board and sail made by the wind, although the head was one of the largest that I ever saw, yet it was one of the most unprofitable, the case yielding but 8 or 9 bls and the junk almost a solid mass of what is commonly called Separation set the works on to boiling out, started water, & occasionally carpenter continually employ'd at repairing & tven boats saw nothing during the day except plenty of sharks, dolphin, and albacores. a man of war hawk

Obs Lat $11^{\circ} 34'$

Long $78^{\circ} 16'$ Payta 144



Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West Master

Friday 5th May - brisk S E trades and fair weather standing to the E N E by the wind, at 6 A M saw a strange sail in the E

at 6 P M spoke and found it the Jefferson, Capt. Brock. he had not seen anything lately. at 10 finished hoisting out saw nothing but hawks & small fish during the day

OBS Lat 4-16 Long 87-27-15 (Blanes) 127 leagues about ship & stood S by the wind

Saturday 6th May - gentle S E trades and fair weather throughout the 24 hours, standing off to the S by the wind the

Jefferson in sight under the lee saw plenty of hawks & but few small fish, employ'd at stowing down our oil that filled sixty-seven barrels making our cargo above one thousand barrels and reducing our stock of fresh water very much, as well as turning all Lines, flags, sails, and other dry materials, out of casks, into the Cabin

OBS Lat 4-19 Long 88-31 (Blanes) 128

Sunday 7th May - brisk trades varying about the Southern quarter standing to the S W by the wind throughout the day in C with the Jefferson without seeing anything

but albacores, bonitors, and great flocks of M W hawks at 8 P M being in Long of Floods Island, tack'd to the E

OBS Lat 4-54 Long 89-45 (Blanes) 125

Monday 8th May - gentle S E trades steering N N E and N throughout these 24 hours, seeing plenty of bonitors, & albacores, but nothing larger, employ'd as necessary took up our

Anchors from the lower deck, stocked them and stowed the bowers in their places, & third anchor in the waist cooper at setting up casks, &c. &c.

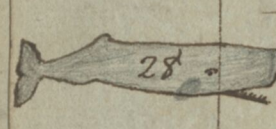
OBS Lat 4-16 Long 88-43-15

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. P. M. S. Master
Tuesday 9th May

In brisk S E trades and fair weather but cloudy that
as usual prevented obtaining the Longitude by Lunar. OBS
steered N N E until 6 P.M. seeing nothing but a
few small fish, and hawks, dove too and lay the remaining
part of the day 24 hours. employ'd cooper at seeing up
casks, carpenter at fishing the spanker boom, and people as
necessary, took the cables out of the storeroom and coiled
them on the 4th deck. stowed water in their place &c. &c.
OBS Lat 2-11 Long 87-50-15 at 6 P.M.

Wednesday 10th May

In gentle S E trades and fair weather throughout
these 24 hours steered N N E till 5 A.M. then
W S W, at 4 P.M. saw a shoal of sperm whales in
the Western g^t at 5 down boats. struck three small
whales, but killed and saved only two of them, which
at 8 P.M. we had fast under the feet of Cyrus, and
hove too for daylight. saw no signs of the Galapagos
Islands although our Lat was 1-12 & Long 88-41



Thursday 11th May

In light winds varying between S E and S W
at 5 A.M. hooked on to our whales and at 8 had them
both on board made sail steered S W at 2 P.M. saw the
high land of the N E part of Chatham Island bearing
N 50 W 14 leagues distance the weather becoming thick
with the wind inclining to the W of S, continued on
by the wind until 6 P.M. when the mist cleared and
allowed us to see all the S E part of Chatham Island
the N E point bearing N 40 W and the S W point W by S
the nearest land about 6 or 7 leagues distant, about ship
and stood to the S E by the wind all the latter part
boiling out. at 3 P.M. saw breaches S E 2 leagues
Lat 0 good OBS 1-00 S. the W thick, no OBS Long

89.30

1809
Ship Cyrus whaling near the Galapagos Islands, Paul West

Friday
May

12th very irregular winds in the Southern & SSW quarter with almost constant rain all the first 6 hours stood to the SE by the wind until 6 A.M. then to the SSW with a regular SE trade. the NE part of Chatham Island in sight bore N 65 W. continued standing to the SSW and at noon the NE hill of Chatham Island bore N 16 W the SSW point W N W and our Lat by good OBS 1-12 at 2 P.M. saw Floods Island bearing W 25 S 7 leagues at 5.30 on passing at about 1 1/2 mile bowindward of the SSE point, the wind flag'd away to nearly a calm & having considerable swell. leaving on shore and no appearance of more wind, about ship and stood to the ENE all the latter part, after sunset the regular trade sprung up with rainy thick weather, but I was not in so much haste, as to run any risk.

OBS Lat 1-12 Long 5th on finished boiling out and after completing the fore hold with sperm oil, kept the rest on land. The whole about 28th lbs.

Saturday
May

13th moderate trades at SSE and drizzly weather during the first 2 hours afterwards clear through the latter part at 2 A.M. about ship to the SSW at 6 Floods Island S 60 W at 11 past the SSE point within a mile then steered S 56 W and at noon OBS Lat 1-29 being one mile to the SW of the S point of Floods Island at 2 P.M. saw Charles's Island W N W steered W 25 N and run down the E side of Charles's Island, but night prevented our continuing on therefore at 6 P.M. having Gardners Is. SSE. Champion Is. W N W and the centre of Ch. Is. W S W the nearest shore 3 miles haul'd too the wind and laid off & on during the latter part having but little if any current.

Ship Cyrus at the Galapagos Islands, Paul West, Master

Sunday 14th May - light S E trades and fair, at 2 A M Gardner's Is. 3 miles, kept off W N W and run round the N E part of Charles's Is., the regular trade flagging away and a light land wind sprang up that by 6 in the morning took us into the bay where we found the Argo - London 500 Bbls, the Hannah & Eliza 250 and Danube of N. Bedford 250 Bbls, on account of tide did not recover our anchoring place until 10 A M where we moored on 8 1/2 water: apparently clear sandy bottom, the N E point of the Is. N 58 E and N N W point N 25 W and nearest shore S E about three cables length found the Is. inhabited by the notorious Irishman & Co and that the tortoises are more plentifully procured than they were in August 1807. Landed one boat and took off 23 turpins besides enough to serve 24 hours, careened ship, & begun to pay the bents, at noon the Danube sailed

Monday 15th May - first part light airs & calm at 10 A M a breeze sprang up at N N W and blew a moderate breeze until noon then a moderate trade set in & continued all the latter part, finished paying the bents and took on board 40 tortoises. O.S. Lat 1-17

Tuesday 16th May - gentle breezes varying all round the compass and fair W. Landed three boats and took off 104 tortoises paid the Governor a visit, & agreed to take a No of pumpkins and a few potatoes at a very high price. Found two Men in Co with the Irishman and had reason to suspect others being on the Island. Found tolerable plenty of prickly-plumbs, at 10 P M the Ed Eliza sailed

Ship Cyrus at Charles's Island. Paul West Master

Wednesday 17th May - fresh S E trades and fair weather throughout these 24
at 4 A.M. dispatched all three boats as usual after tortoises
at 6 & 8 they returned with 98, at 11 A.M. landed and
took two dogs to the shore, but had not been an hour on
the land when the largest of the two (being a kind of Mastiff)
was overcome I suppose with the extreme heat and
went mad, so that I was oblig'd to destroy him, the other a
small dog began to be affected but on taking him on board
he recovered immediately, kept as many of the crew on
shore as could possibly be out of the ship at a time

Thursday 18th May - gentle trades at S E and sometimes light variable airs
laying still under the lee of Charles's Island
at 4 A.M. dispatched two boats for tortoises, at 5
P.M. they returned with 61, one boat crew on board
black'd the ship round, and put the T.Y. rigging in order
landed on the W. side of this bay and found a few tortoises
received a visit from the Irish inhabitants of this Is.
who disappointed us, in the pumpkins that we agreed
to purchase of him

Friday 19th May - moderate Southerly trades, and at times light
variable airs & calms laying still under the lee of
Charles's Island. having already procured a good
supply of tortoises did not endeavour to get more
than would serve the present time, most of the
crew on shore, some on board employ'd at setting up
the rigging, painted the outside of the Bulwark &c
counted and found we had 327 tortoises on board
so ends waiting for the Hermit to collect his vegetables

Ship Cyrus at Charles's Island. Paul West Master

Saturday 20th May - Steady trades and fair weather at 4 A.M. manned two
 boats from the Argo and two from the Cyrus, and according
 to agreement with the inhabitant landed at his valley
 and went up to his place of pumpkins, where he delivered 120
 pumpkins which we took down to our boats at two turns
 then went up to take another turn but not finding the
 millions or anything else worth notice, made the best of
 our way to the boats where to our surprise we found that
 the Villian with his comrades had taken away one of the
 Argo's boats and stove both boats belonging to the Cyrus
 he took or destroyed all the oars except two steer-oars, two
 boat-sails, an anchor & rode, two small casks & kegs, with
 water, and every thing else about the boats whether it
 could be of any use to him or not, one sail that was
 under the bushes was left which together with two steer-oars
 and four rowing oars that we found on our passage enabled
 us to get on board, after repairing one of my boats with
 canvas and ceiling-nails, leaving one boat on the beach with
 three holes in her bottom, and part of our pumpkins
 at 4 P.M. reached the Ship with two boats, then man'd
 and sent two armed boats that patched and tarpaulined
 my other boat and at 8 P.M. got her and the rest
 of the pumpkins to the Ship

Sunday 21st May - at 5 A.M. unmoored, at 6 took our anchor stood out with a light
 trade at S.E. which soon left us and blew gently from the N.E.
 came too again & lay till noon then with a light air at S.E.
 got under way in Co. with the Argo and left Ch. Is. with 310
 tortoisies & 60 pumpkins, steered W. and passed the S end of
 Alhemarle & hove too for daylight, parted with the Argo
 we did not think it prudent to allow our crews to attempt
 any kind of revenge on Raddy, since we are so well provided
 with his good supply of arms & ammunition, knowing such a
 remedy would in the end be worse than the disease

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Ship Cyrus whaling at the Galapagos Is. Paul West Master

Monday 22nd light trades at S E and fair, at 4 A M made sail & stood in N E at 6 (Christopher's point bore) & kept off N N W and run down towards Narborough with a moderate trade at 6 P M spoke the Hannak & Eliza, 250^{bls} had seen no whale since leaving Carles Island, having but little if any currents cruised off the S W part of Narborough all the latter part. O B L Lat 00-38 S. being off of Elizabeth Bay

Tuesday 23rd light winds in the S S E quarter throughout the day cruising off Cape Douglas saw nothing but porpoises and three ships, spoke my old ship the Charlton, all well with 250 ^{bls} on board. the other stranger was the Danube of N Bedford direct from Albemarle cove where she had been for water without being able to get any, employed at sundries having all of our boats whole again and fitted with oars &c in the best manner that we were able, heard of several ships off the N Head

Wednesday 24th first part light variable winds and fair stood across the mouth of Banks Bay to Cape Berkeley then stood off to the W with a brisk trade until 2 P M when (C Berkeley bore East 10 leagues distance, wore ship and stood in E N E until 6 P M when Rock Rodonds bore N E half a mile and (C Berkeley S 20 E about ship, & stood off all the latter part, by the wind which blew fresh at S. having seen nothing new during the day

Thursday 25th brisk wind at S S E, at 4 A M tacked in, at 6 was (C Berkeley East 15 leagues & Narborough 150 E, stood in close by the wind and ply'd up Banks Bay until 8 P M when the hulk on (C D^h bore South, the Charlton, Hannak & Eliza, and Danube lying about us under short sail for the night, we laid off & on under short sail, no sight or sound of sperm whales employed took all of our coals out of the bows and put them into a pen on each side the Main mast &c. &c. as necessary

Ship Cyrus whaling at the Galapagos Islands, Paul West

Friday 26th gentle S E trades and hazy weather cruising off Douglas
 May ~ throughout these 24 hours seeing nothing but three ships
 spoke the Charlton, & Hannah & Eliza, they had seen nothing,
 employ'd setting up packs &c. &c. as necessary
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 92.10 W

Saturday 27th light variable airs & calm, at 6 A.M. saw Ten sail,
 May ~ nine of them Ships, and one a brig, ourselves making the
 eleventh vessel, the strangers in the Northern & N.W. of us
 at 2 P.M. spoke the Brig Volunteer of Milford Capt.
 W Bunker 900 skins, at 4 spoke the Walker Capt.

S. West with Sperm oil ——— 900 Mbls

Ship Lion Capt. Waddach ——— 400

do Winslow ——— Coleman ——— 450

do Lady Adams ——— Folger ——— 450

do Maria ——— Coffin ——— 750

do Sally ——— Clerk ——— 600

do Danube ——— Morier ——— 250

do H. & Eliza ——— Coffin ——— 250

do Charlton ——— Folger ——— 250

do Cyrus ——— Myself ——— 1000

the weather continuing calm with now & then a light
 variable air we lay off to the W. of Berkeley
 all the remaining part of these 24 hours, having
 seen no kind of fish during the day
 12.8
 91.45 W

Sunday 28th light variable airs and calm still weather cruising
 May ~ off Banks Bay without seeing anything in the Sea
 except a few porpoises, and all the fleet that were
 in sight yesterday, no motion made by any ship
 that had the least appearance of their seeing whales
 Berkeley N.E. and Douglas S.E.
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 91.35

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Ship Cyrus whaling at the Galapagos Islands, Paul West

Monday 29th May
 light winds in the S.W. quarter and fair weather, stood off to the W. until 6 A.M. tack'd ship in, and saw a strange sail in the N.E. that on a nearer view appeared to be an armed ship and upon some other voyage than whaling, she appeared desirous of communication with us, but having very great advantage in point of sailing, thought best to keep at a suitable distance, in the afternoon she stood into Banks Bay and lay by under short sail
 I cruised off Cape Douglas all the latter part, the other ships in sight but no whale seen from either

Tuesday 30th May
 brisk southerly winds and fair at noon after reconnoitring toward of the stranger we saw him laying hove too in Banks Bay with his boat away (I supposed a fishing) lay aback until he came nearly within gun shot, then he tack'd in, at which time I was almost confident of it being the Venus, I call'd to Mr. Forbes and asked whether he wished to go on board the stranger, and told him I did not request him to enter any apparent danger he readily wished to go and took the waist boat & crew went along side of her and laid aback about 20 Min then they fill'd away, set all topgallant sails, staysails, and everything by the wind with British dispatch and gave chase to us, which plainly proved him to be an enemy, accordingly we made sail and stood off by the wind that was fresh at South, at 1 P.M. when he spruce all sail for us he bore N.N.E. 2 1/2 miles, and at 2 P.M. when we spoke the American Ships Lion, Walker, Maria, and Hannah & Choga, the stranger bore N.W. 10 or 12 miles he then tack'd in and at 6 took sight of him bore N.E. 15 miles continued standing off by the wind all the latter part in C. with the Americans having seen nothing of my boat after getting along side the Enemies Ship

Ship Cyrus whaling at the Galapagos Islands, P. West

Wednesday 31st May - moderate trade winds and fair, at 4 A.M. about ship and stood in through the day seeing no other vessel but the Walker, Maria, and the H.2. Eliza

at 3 P.M. saw (Douglas NNE and (L. Point SE about ship and stood off till 8 then steered NW all the latter part in ³ with the Walker saw no fish but porpoises Off Lat 00.40 S

92.30

Thursday 1st June - brisk trades at SSE and fair steered NNE at 4 A.M. spoke ship Winslow Capt. Cleman who told me that on the preceding day he was boarded by the Ship Hero, Spanish guardy coaster, who had my boat & crew, and of their well disposition towards British whalers, & accordingly hauled in to the E by the wind and at 6 saw the Spanish Ship and two others laying in Banks Bay, which proved to be the Argo, and L. Adams, that the Spaniard was examining at 8 I got along side the S-Ship and they took possession and began to search the Cyrus, they broke up the Hold and continued at work until the end of the 2nd without getting satisfaction so let all stand for another day, (Berkeley EN 4 leagues

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91.30

Friday 2nd June - light Southerly winds and fair weather laying hove too off Rock-Rodondo, still under search of the Spanish ship Hero they continued their close examination until 9 A.M. when they had ransacked the Ship in every part, and were satisfied that I was on my regular whale voyage according to the Capt. gave me a Certificate of examination and permitted me to depart &c. but his crew immediately demanded that the Cyrus should be sent to Lima for further examination, saying that the crew of the Cyrus had given them every reason to consider her a good Prize the Capt. and all the Officers of the S-Ship immediately

Ship Cyrus whaling at the Galapagos Islands, Paul West, Master

remonstrated against their demand in the strongest terms, and it was not until they could quell the Mob, that I could get out the Ship with any apparent degree of safety. However after a long uproar I reached the Cyrus at 11 A M where I found our decks, steerage, Cabin, and every other part, with our stores, provisions, craft, &c all in heaps, looking literally as if some powerful hand had with a strong instrument stirred them up in a manner similar to a cook stirring up a dish of Pease,

but having got my boat & crew without any considerable loss or damage, I ply'd towardward of the Otero and at 3 P M spoke the Walker Capt. West, then steered N E (Berkley 150 E 15 leagues, no whale seen

Saturday 3rd
June

light S S E trades & fair standing in to the End by the wind in E with the Walker at 2 P M saw a strange sail in the S W q^{tr} at 4 spoke and found her the Charlton that had been currented off to the W N W wind but had seen nothing, at 6 Berkley bore S W E 15 leagues and just as the Sun had set we saw a shoal of sperm whales in the N N E q^{tr} run down toward them and as we lost the light of this day so we lost the good opportunity of doing something with these whales continued End by the wind

Sunday 4th
June

light Southerly wind and fair standing to the End by the wind, at noon light airs & calm the Walker made signal for whales run down for her, down all boats together with all boats from the Charlton but before we reached the Walker (which was at 3 P M) the whales whatever they were had run out of sight toward haul'd our wind to the End with light wind at S. at 6 P M Menams Island bore N 60 W 6 or 7 leagues



Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru Paul West Master

Monday 5th June
 light winds varying about the S^e and Eastern q^{rs} and calm with rain plying to the End & Snd early middle and latter part brisk wind at S S E and fair stood to the End lost sight of the Chillon in the S S W q^{rs} at 6 P M saw Abington Is S S E distance 13 leagues, saw nothing in the sea but small fish and a breach to wind - that we saw no more
 OBS Lat 1-15 N at the same time Abington S 27 E

Tuesday 6th June
 brisk trades at S E B S standing in by the wind in C^o with the Walker middle and latter part moderate winds at S S E & fair, saw nothing but porpoises and small fish
 OBS Lat 1-24 N Long 89° 30-30

Wednesday 7th June
 brisk trades at S S E and fair continuing in to the End by the wind throughout these 24 hours in C^o with the Walker, saw no kind of sporting fish still employ'd at setting up packs, repair'd sails &c
 OBS Lat 1-27 N Long 89° 27-15

Thursday 8th June
 fresh wind at S S E and fair continuing in by the wind saw plenty of Man-of-war hawks, Bonitors and albacores of which the crew took as many as they pleased, at 4 P M we were alarm'd with hearing the sound of a fine shoal of sperm-whales under our lee, run down & prepared accordingly but they proved to be half a dozen finbacks breaching, haul'd to the wind again which proved a gentle breeze all the latter part at S S E to South, - repair'd the jib, cooper employ'd as usual &c
 OBS Lat 1-16 Long at noon 88° 06-00

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Friday
June

9th first part brisk trades at S W E continuing my course in to the End by the wind in E with the Walker saw nothing but small fish, one finback & some M. Whales employ'd occasionally. Rec'd some fresh water from the Walker the water obscure. Lat 0° 11' N 1-00 North Long at noon 87-00 during the latter part we had light winds at S W with mist

Saturday
June

10th moderate Southerly trades and fair standing in to the End by the wind at 4 P M saw breaches that on a nearer view prove to be humpbacks. saw plenty of small fish of which the crew took more than they wanted. likewise saw many Man of war hawks but neither sperm whale or black fish since leaving the Islands. employ'd occasionally OBS Lat 00-24 N Long at noon 85-39-15

Sunday
June

11th brisk winds at about South standing in to the End by the wind in E with the Walker at daylight saw a strange Ship in the S W off standing off S W continued standing in throughout the day. in the afternoon the wind flag'd away as has been the case every day since leaving the Islands. saw nothing but small fish OBS Lat 00-02 N Long at noon 84-30-30

Monday
June

12th brisk Southerly trades and fair continuing to the End by the wind at 8 A M saw 2 points towindward, fly'd up, and made signal to the Walker. but saw no more of them, so continued standing to the End by the wind all the remaining part of the 24 hours the surface of the sea changing from its smoothness to almost an entire rip, and as usual full of albacores, bonitors, and flying fish. saw nine dolphins being all that has presented themselves to our view for a long time of yet we have not seen any change of colour in the water although our Long at noon is 83-27-30 and only 55 from land

OBS Lat 00-34

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Jan 1809

Tuesday 13th June
brisk southerly trades and fair weather standing in to the End by the wind all the first & middle part of these 24 hours. seeing nothing but plenty of albacores and one dolphin the colour of water changing from blue to a blackish colour. at 10 P^M about ship to the S^W employ'd occasionally. wet our Cargoes &c
Obs Lat 8-10 S. Long at noon 82-56 and W^{ind} of Pt St Helena 4 2 leagues, here I find a stronger Western current than we have experienced to the End of the Island

Wednesday 14th June
brisk trades at S^W at 2 A^M about ship and stood in to the End by the wind which in the afternoon hauled (for the first time) as far Westerly as S^W. saw nothing but the Walker which was out of sight from 1 P^M till 5. plenty of bonitors and albacores round the ship. more than I ever saw at one time before
Lat 9-50 Long at 6 P^M 81-35-30, Pt St Helena 16 leagues to the End of us. winds light and water greenish at the end of the 24 hours tacked off for the night

Thursday 15th June
gentle southerly trades and dark lowry weather, at 3 A^M tacked in by the wind, at 8 A^M saw Pt St Helena through the mist bearing S 60. E^{6 leagues} continued in with light winds. saw plenty of humpbacks and the bonitors kept with the ship. through the day, at noon sounder found 31 water. Pt St Helena S E 8 or 9 miles, and the land to the N^W of it in sight bearing as far N^W as N 40 E and appearing to be 6 or 7 leagues from us at the nearest part. tacked ship to the W^{ind}, at 6 being 12 leagues W 30 N of Pt St Helena try'd for but found no bottom. at 8 tacked in, winds fresh at S B W single reef'd the topsails, in E with the Walker the weather lowry & sun obscured got no Lat or Long

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81.050

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, J. West Master

Friday 16th June
brisk trades at SSW standing to the Wind by the wind at 5 A.M. about ship to the End at 6 winds light saw Pt. St. Helena 155 E at noon the horizon clear saw the point from the deck at which time on green or dark water try'd for but found no bottom with 100 stood in with light wind and at 4^{PM} the point bore E 17 S 4 or 5 leagues try'd again for bottom but found none, therefore I don't imagine the bank exceeds 3 if it does 2 leagues to the W^{ind} of Pt. St. Helena, about ship & stood off WWS & West the latter pt in C with the Walker, the winds continuing to blow at SSW and SSW without any more alteration any part of the 24 saw 13 fish & humpbacks, the weather bowry could not get either Lat or Long for Ch^o.

Saturday 17th June
light winds at SSW plying towardward Pt. St. Helena in C with ship Walker at 5 PM the wind at SSW with a high short swell heaving us down toward the breakers that were in sight under the lee, about ship and stood off by the wind all the latter part at 5 PM when I tack'd off we had no bottom with 100 line, the Pt. St. Helena (that at this distance appears like an Island) bore N 48 E, 5-or 6 leagues distance

Lat 12-14 Long corrected for Pt. St. H^o at 5 PM 80-56

Sunday 18th June
strong trades at SSW to SSE stood off by the wind through the day in C with the Walker, at 10 AM saw breaches under the lee, run down and found them to be humpbacks, saw plenty of small fish, but none of the right sort unemploy'd as usual on Sundays
Lat 1-58 S Long at noon for Ch^o 82-08-00
distance from Point St. Helena 27 leagues
the water of a dark muddy colour

Ship Cyrus Whaling on the Coast of Peru, P. West Master

Monday 19th June strong trades veering gradually (as we increase our dist. from the Continent) from SSW to South and as far as SSE standing off by the wind under single-reefed topsails in E. with the Walker saw B-fish and a great many albacores, & bonitos, but no dolphin the colour of water having changed to a deep blue and its surface very racy. P. Helena 56 leagues
OBS Lat 2-20 Long at noon 83-37

Tuesday 20th June fresh trades at SSE and dark lowry weather standing off SSW by the wind through the 24 hours seeing nothing but albacores, and bonitos, at 2 PM the Walker alarmed us by heaving aback and putting her boats off, but it proved to be after B-fish
84.50. OBS Lat 2-53 the W. very obscure, got no Longitude

Wednesday 21st June moderate trades from SSE to SE & lowry weather stood off by the wind throughout these 24 hours saw several shoals of B-fish, put off all three boats at two different times and took one large fish the Walker still in sight
OBS Lat 3-40 Long 86-01 (Blanco 102 leagues)

Thursday 22nd June moderate trades at SEBS standing off by the wind throughout the 24 hours, at 4 PM saw breaches in the WNW g^l which proved humpbacks (Blanco 116.1/2)
OBS Lat 4-33 Long 86-55 at 6 PM

Friday 23rd June brisk winds at SE and SEBE stood off by the wind through the day saw nothing but 3 finbacks, a shoal of B-fish & small fish, at 7 PM hove too in E with the Walker Paita 133 lgs
OBS Lat 5-44 Long at 6 PM 87-41-15

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Saturday
June

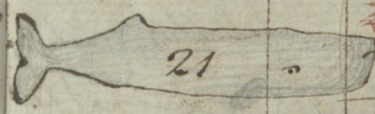
24th fresh S E trades with squally Peruvian weather
at 5 A M made sail off S W. at 7 saw a strange
vail in the S W at 10 spoke and found it to be
the Jefferson. Capt. A Brook ¹⁸⁰ 50-7 1/2 months out
at 5 P M saw a famous shoal of S Whales in the
S E of the wind very fresh and sea rugged could not
get up to them before the sun had set. as were the
same as we were the last time of seeing sperm whales
unluckily too late in the day to do anything with them
continued off under single reefs with smart squalls
OBS Lat 5-56 Long at 6 P M ¹⁸⁰ 88-34 Punta de Buca 152

Sunday
June

25th strong S E trades and smart single reef squalls
at 6 A M about ship & stood to the E by the wind
at 10 saw a shoal of sperm whales in the N E of the
bound towardward, made signal to the Walker's Jefferson
down boats & turn'd them to leeward struck and killed two
whales, one of them a little bull that we saved, and the
other a fine large ¹⁸⁰ 60 whale that as soon as dead, sunk
parted my line and we left him, took the small whale
on board & made sail by the wind having ^{had} worse weather
for cutting this small whale than any that we have had.
the fore part of the voyage, plenty of B fish, and several
dolphin round. OBS Lat 6-25 Long 88-58 Punta de Buca 158

Monday
June

26th strong S E trades and rugged weather throughout
these 24 hours cruising on and off by the wind
the Jefferson, and Walker in sight. at 11 A M they
saw sperm whales, made their signal, but by being
out of sight from our deck we did not discover it
saw plenty of B fish, finbacks, and small fish
at 8 P M spoke the Walker, they got no whale to day
employ'd finished boiling, and stowed down the oil, filling
21 barrels
OBS Lat 6-29 Long at noon ¹⁸⁰ 88-32 Lobos 155



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Tuesday 27th June strong S E trades and very rough whale weather cruising off & on by the wind through the day. saw a sail to windward supposed it to be the Jefferson. the Walker being within 3 leagues off us. plenty of shoals of B-fish and many humpbacks but no sign of any S-whales seen by either ship
 OBS Lat 7-03 Long 89-00 { Catham Is. N 120 lps
 Lobos de Mar E 165 ds

Wednesday 28th June continues very strong single reef-top sail trades at S E and rugged Peruvian weather cruising on & off during day and Laying hove too, with fore & Mst top sails hauled at night seeing nothing but few B-fish and finbacks employ'd took off all the cat-harpings and puttock shrouds of the fore rigging, set it up, cat harped the rigging in a proper manner, seized down the puttock shrouds afresh and set up the topmast rigging, ship-shape, holding the Masts in a much better and more secure state than it has been held the voyage, it being cat harped too much at first
 OBS Lat 6-58 Long 88-17-15 Lobos de Mar 151

Thursday 29th June strong S E trades and rough weather throughout this day cruising on & off by the wind saw B-fish & humpbacks but no sperm whales about this ground at present
 OBS Lat 6-18 Long 87-45 Lobos de Terre 160 lps

Friday 30th June brisk E S E trades and dark boory weather standing in to the N E wind with a thick sail at 3 P M saw a strange sail in the E N E quarter at 4 spoke & found it the Henry, Capt. Gardner 8th months out, 350 on board cruised on & off in () with the Henry and the Walker seeing nothing alive in the sea during the day employ'd at tarring the standing rigging fore & aft
 OBS Lat 5-54 Long 86-30

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Saturday 1st fresh trades at S E and dark weather laid too until 5 A M
 then made sail S W W and run until 2 P M seeing
 nothing but the Henry and Walker, then steered North
 till 8 and hove too for the night, with Fore & Main topsails
 furled, employ'd at taring the standing rigging
 OBS Lat 6-18 Long S W 87-00 Lejos 125 leagues

Sunday 2nd strong S E trades and dark lowry weather at 5 A M
 made sail & at 6 the Walker made signal for whales
 breaching in the Western g^l kept off till 8 seeing
 nothing haul'd off by the wind and run till 11 saw
 nothing but a few finbacks then steered North and
 at 2 P M saw a few bull sperm whales down boats and
 at 3 struck and killed a small whale took him along side
 and at 4 past had it on board, the Walker & the Henry
 in Co but had not even a sight of the whales
 OBS Lat 6-00 Long S W 87-11 Punta de Arica 126

Monday 3rd brisk winds at S E & fair cruising on & off with a
 free wind, & boiling out, at 8 A M the Walker made
 signal for a school of S Whales, run for the Whales
 until noon, but they were running so fast to the NNE
 that we lost sight of them neither the Walker or
 any other boat having been within 500 fathoms of them
 continued cruising by day and laying too at night, finished
 boiling, OBS Lat 5-26 Long S W 88-01

Tuesday 4th fresh trades & fair but lowry weather, cruising on & off
 by day and laying under courses at night, at 8 A M the
 Walker came within hail, for medical assistance, accordingly
 I assisted as well as I could, stowed down the oil of our
 last whale filling twenty eight barrels, saw dolphin &c
 OBS Lat 4-50 Long S W 87-55



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Wednesday 5th - brisk trades at SE and dark lowry weather

July -
cruising on & off by the wind, the Walker and Henry in sight, saw no kind of fish except two finbacks employ'd cooper at setting up packs, found them very bad
Obs Lat 4-54 Long at noon $89^{\circ}00'00''$ being the Longitude of the Galapagos Islands, stood in by the wind

Thursday 6th - fresh SE and ESE trades and dark lowry weather
July -
standing in to the End by the wind throughout these 24 hours saw neither large nor small fish of any kind for the day, lost sight of the Henry in the N^{on} of the Walker still in sight, but no whales to be seen set up packs and finished taring the standing-rigging

Obs Lat 4-10 Long at noon $89^{\circ}13'$ (Cathart North Island) 67 Lys

Friday 7th - moderate trades and dark lowry weather standing in
July -
to the N^{on} End by the wind throughout these 24 hours saw nothing alive in the sea but a few porpoises and one finback, the Walker still in sight, set up packs
Obs Lat 3-50 Long at noon $88^{\circ}04'$ (Blanco) 133 Lys

Saturday 8th - strong trades prevailing between SE and South with
July -
smart peruvian squalls & open cloudy weather, stood in by the wind through the day under single reef topsails saw nothing but a few small fish, set up packs, &
Obs Lat 3-52 Long at noon $87^{\circ}18'$ (Blanco) 124 Lys

Sunday 9th - first part fresh wind at SE & equally continued in
July -
by the wind until noon, without seeing a sign of Whale finding myself in Lat 3-24 & Long 86-15 being 103 Miles of Blanco and the ground not so lively as without me, I tack'd ship & stood off by the wind all the latter part with light trades at SE & dark lowry weather

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Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West Master

Monday 10th July - light S E trades & fair but lowry weather stood off by the wind through the day having a smoother sea than usual at 10 A M the Walker hove too, to clean her bottom, at 4 P M lost sight of her in the N N E quarter at 6 saw her again and at 10 join'd her & continued S S W by the wind having seen nothing but small fish during the day
OBS Lat 4-05 Long at noon ϕ 77-05 (Blanco 120)

Tuesday 11th July - gentle S E trades with some flights of mist standing off by the wind on a smooth sea, middle and latter part fresh breezes and fair, condemned our old M-top sail for repairing all the rest of our old sails, but the other old M-top sail, saw nothing but plenty of albacores and flying-fish, the Walker still in company, set up packs &c
OBS Lat 4-33 Long at noon ϕ 78-04 (Paita 140)

Wednesday 12th July - fresh trades at S E B S a rough whale weather stood off by the wind under single reef topsails through the day, saw plenty of small fish, two dolphin, and several finbacks, no B-fish nor any kind of anvil-headed fish the Walker still in sight, employed at doing & undoing casks and sails
OBS Lat 5-30 Long ϕ 79-27 (Paita 168)

Thursday 13th July - continues fresh winds at S E B S and rough W E stood off by the wind through the day in C with the Walker seeing nothing but a few albacores, flying fish, and once in a day or two an overgrown dolphin the weather very unsettled for Peru, being sometimes fine, and at other times equally with bad whale weather employ'd repaired the Mainsail and set up packs to so great a number as very much hampers the ship fore and aft
OBS Lat 6-04 Long ϕ 80-00-25

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West Master
 Friday 14th July - fresh trades at S E and lowry weather continuing
 off by the wind until 8 A.M. without finding any
 encouragement to stand farther off, and having the
 Centre of Albemarle North 130 leagues, & Lobos de Mar
 East 205 leagues, about Ship for a board tow'd the
 Continent of Peru. untill the 9th A.M. and begun a
 thorough repair of it, the Walker in sight but no
 other fish than albacores & bonitos

OBS Lat 7-01 Long at noon 91-03

Saturday 15th July - moderate trades prevailing as far E by S as OBS
 standing to the N E by the wind, at noon saw
 breaches in the N E by S at 1/2 past 12 made them out to
 be a fine shoal of Sperm-whales, made signal to the
 Walker accordingly, at 1 down boats but the whales being
 they found it difficult to get at them, struck four,
 killed five, or six, but by uncommon bad success, saved
 only two very small whales, at sunset got them fast to
 the ship, and took the contents of one of them in
 the Walker took only one calf.

OBS Lat 6-20 Long at noon 90-21

Sunday 16th July - light S E trades and at sometimes nearly calm
 at 5 A.M. hook'd on to our small whale and at 6 1/2
 had it on board, made sail & stood in by the wind
 at 11 saw a breach N N E of us, made signal to
 the Walker, and stood tow'd the breach, at noon the
 Walker's boats join'd us, but we saw no more of
 the whale kept the work on to boiling out
 and continued my course E N E by the wind

OBS Lat 6-11 Long at noon 89-48



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Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West, Master

Monday
July

17th fresh S E trades and rough Peruvian weather, stood in by the Wind, the Walker barely in sight on my weather quarter finish'd boiling out and stowed down as much of the oil as completely filled the coal hold and completed the fore part of the lower hold with Sperm-oil. Just as that was done saw a shoal of Sperm whales in the N E q^r made signal to the Walker, but by her being 4 leagues S W of us they scarce got a sight of the whales. at 1 P M, 2 down boats struck & killed several whales but by the same misfortune that has lately attended me, of Irons breaking, lines parting by loose whales jaws, and whales lanced and turning up near us being finally lost, we saved only four small whales which by 5¹/₂ P M we had along side, hook'd on, and cut one in, and secured the rest for daylight. My Brothers in the Walker being unable to withstand such beating any longer, just call'd along side, and after tarrying a short time, made sail with an intent to try a single chance. OBS Lat 5-41 Long 89-30

Tuesday
July

18th in brisk S E trades and rough weather, at 5-30 A M hook'd on to our whales and at 9-30 had all three on board about ship made sail and stood in to the E by the wind until 8 P M then about ship with hopes of finding some dead whales of yesterdays work, began boiling &c. OBS Lat 5-15 Long at noon 90-08, nothing in sight

Wednesday
July

19th fresh trades at S E & dark showry weather standing S S W by the wind, boiling out at noon squally in Mizzen and Jib, at 2 strong double reef breezes and very rough at 5-30 P M saw a fine parcel of S Whales, but they being in the S E q^r and the wind blowing very strong (suffering only 2 reef topsails) and a very high sea on, and night at hand, could not get to do anything with them, did not lose a boat at 12 finished boiling, OBS Lat 5-40 Long 90-18

Ship (yours) whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West, Master

Thursday 20th July stronger trades and a worse short sea on than ever I experienced before on this coast, steering close on a wind to the S.W. most of the time, having no more than double reef'd Fore and Main topsails and two staysails set most of the time being employ'd at stowing down the oil of our last six whales (filling seventy six barrels) found it necessary to keep the Miz.ⁿ Topsail furled and foresail haul'd up to ease the ship in the sea which nevertheless found its way in upon deck and into the cabin windows saw a shoal of B. fish, finbacks, and several dolphins, &c
OBS Lat 6-28 Long 91-15

Friday 21st July continues very strong trades at S.E. and squally W. sets the Miz.ⁿ topsail and stood in under double reefs through the day in squalls so heavy as to make it impossible for a boat to row towardward if whales should appear in that direction, and a high cross sea on, resembling a foul weather coast much more than this of Peru. found it necessary to add new security to every movable thing from the T.G. yards to the lower deck, saw nothing at 6 P.M. in Miz.ⁿ Topsail
OBS Lat 6-33 Long 90-42. (Lobos Is. 200 leagues E. Carles Is. 100 S. North)

Saturday 22nd July continues a long spell of remarkable strong trades at S.E. with heavy squalls (for Peru) and very rugged weather still headed in by the wind under double reef'd fore and main topsails, foresail and two staysails, being too much wind for either Main sail or Miz.ⁿ topsail, unbent the Miz.ⁿ topsail to repair, the winds flaging, bent another, but before it could be set we had more wind than to require it, so reef'd and hauled it, the sea running similar to the Coast of Chile in a similar gale, saw many finbacks mostly breaching likewise porpoises, albacores, bonitos, dolphins, & flying fish.
OBS Lat 5-57 Long 90-41

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West. Master.

Sunday
July

23rd continues strong S E trades with smart peruvian squalls and a high swell that caused the ship to labour very much for this Coast stood in by the wind through the day under double reef topsails, fore-sail, and two staysails, until 2 P.M. when the weather moderated and I set the mainsail, saw a shoal of B-fish, plenty of albacores, and two finbacks, but the weather too rugged to see the spout of a sperm whale at two miles distance.

OBS Lat 5-17 Long Chrⁿ 88-50 Paita 155 Leagues

Monday
July

24th very unsteady S E trades, blowing at times a very strong breeze to which we carried single reef topsails, jib, & Mizen, and at other times not so much wind as to steady the sails, at which times the ship continued to roll & tumble about in a (Horn manner) stood in by the wind through the day saw nothing but a few flying fish & albacores.

OBS Lat 4-43 Long at 9 P.M. by a good Lunar observation 88-25-45 and by Chrⁿ brought forward to 9 P.M. 88-23-30 the sights being all very good (for Peru) Judge the Long correct.

Tuesday
July

25th This day brings tolerable fair Peruvian weather with a brisk cruising trade at S E to which (as a new thing) we spread whole topsails and topgallant-sails and stood in by the wind throughout the 24 hours without seeing anything but one humpback and a few small fish having got within the hveliest ground at present.

OBS Lat 3-58 Long Chrⁿ 87-01-15

Wednesday
July

26th pleasant trades and fair weather stood in by the wind employ'd at repairing all our old topsails & courses and cooper at putting casks in good order, at 5 P.M. fell in with a shoal of B-fish, the W^d being fair and the chance of the day, put down boats and took through them and continued in by the wind the remaining part of these 24 hours, saw nothing else during the day.

OBS Lat 3-17 Long Chrⁿ 85-40-30

Ship (Yves) whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West Master

Thursday 27th July - gentle S E trades and during the first ^{part} foggy weather middle part tolerable clear entered on the Western edge of the green water finding the surface of the sea very smooth but nothing to be seen upon it. all the small fish (except a few bonitors) having left the ship, continued my course in towards the Continent with views of recruiting my stock of fresh water, employ'd occasionally, after 2 P M the Wth became foggy again without clearing during the 24 hours. at 10 & 12 sounded but found no bottom, partitioned the Leide of my Cabin for a sail room. OBS Lat 3-03 Long ϕ Chrⁿ 84-45-30

Friday 28th July - gentle breezes and part of the time thick foggy drizzly weather at 2 A M and at 4 try'd for ^{W M} but found no bottom continued in by the wind throughout the day. at 10 P M try'd for but found no bottom the water of a very deep green and very racy about ship, and laid off on during night. the weather thick foggy employ'd finished making a sail room in the cabin and fill'd it with sails, overhauled our stores of Molasses, Spirits &c and arranged them in order to release all empty casks. OBS Lat 2-30 Long ϕ Chrⁿ 83-39-45 West of Blanco 51

Saturday 29th July - gentle trades varying between S E and South with most of the time thick foggy weather laid off & on until 3 A M then made all sail in by the wind at 8 A M the colour of the sea changed from a deep to a very light green, and very remarkably racy. at 9 the fog cleared but no land to be seen during the day, although we stood in with a brisk whole sail breeze all the Rem^{ing} part employ'd as necessary at preparing to take as much water as possible by starting seven casks of bread for that purpose at 10 P M and at 12 try'd for bottom found none. OBS Lat 2-56 Long at noon ϕ Chrⁿ 82-23-15 (Wind of E. of Blanco 26) the winds veering from S E to S W and S W

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West, Master

Sunday 30th July
brisk trades between South & SSW and heavy weather
laying off and during the first five hours then made all
speed in by the wind. at 7 saw the land about Lat 3° 35' S

bearing from S 40 E to S 70 E the nearest shore 16 leagues distant
continued in with a brisk breeze, sounding every hour but found
no bottom until 10.30 A M when we had 75 fathoms sandy bottom
and from the nearest shore (which was plainly seen) about
16 or 18 miles and at that time in Lat 3° 30' the breeze at
SSW continued until noon when I found myself set to the
Swd since yesterday noon at least 30 miles and in Lat
by good observations to be 3° 40', kept off E N with
light airs at W S W, at 4 P M saw a strange sail in
the N E quarter, that appeared to be a Spanish coaster
the breeze flagging away could not shift our ground much
until 9 P M then took a brisk wind at South which
reduced us to single reef fore and aft, stood off & on
at 6 P M the Northernmost land in sight bore E N E
and the Southernmost land S 4 M which must be (Blanco)
the nearest shore E S E 5 leagues

Obs Lat 4° 40' Long 78° 51' 15" at 6 P M 80° 51' 15" which
(according to Blanco's Long) is exactly correct

Monday 31st July
brisk trades, at S and S W at 5 A M found ourselves set
20 miles towardward, during the night, made all sail and steered
N E along the Coast of Peru at about 4 miles from the shore
saw only one small coasting craft which I spoke and got
a few plantains of, at 6 P M reached Tumbes Roads
but by being unable to get the least information respecting
the danger of anchoring at Tumbes for water, and not under
immediate necessity so to do, I concluded to take further trouble
and detention for a recruit in preference to the risk of
laying the Cyrus at the discretion of a pack of vagabonds that
often infest this river in particular, so haul'd off N N W for the
Galapagos Islands. Obs Lat 4° 50'

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, South West 1809

Tuesday 1st August
 brisk trades at SSW with dark lowry weather steering
 WNW set Topmast and Top G^l Studdingails fore & aft
 Main Royal, all jibbs, and staysails, at 10 AM just
 as we had every sail handsomely set, running 9 or 10 knots
 we saw a whale that was taken to be a sperm whale
 in all sail wore ship and stood to the ESE until noon
 being convinced of our error wore round, made sail, and
 steered WNW again throughout the remaining part of
 the 24 hours, with brisk breezes between SSW and South
 and dark lowry weather, employ'd at trimming ship, hauling
 the Cables up and stowed them on the Deck, and flected
 water, provisions, ropes, &c from the fore to the after part
 of the Ship. OBS Lat 2° 48' Long 83° 10'

Wednesday 2nd August
 moderate trades prevailing nearer SW than SSE
 most of the first part steering WNW with Topmast
 and Top G^l Studdingails set fore and aft until noon
 when by observation found myself 80 miles to the Wrd
 of yesterdays Latitude, which is equal to 24 miles
 set to the Nrd by current, haul'd by the wind, headed up
 WNW & WSW all the latter part ^{at 6 PM} saw nothing
 OBS Lat 1° 28' S. Long 85° 55' { ^{at 10 PM} St Helena 100 L^g
 { ^{at 11 PM} Floods Island 77 L^g

Thursday 3rd August
 moderate trades prevailing to the Wrd of South throughout
 the 24 hours steered WSW close on a wind with every
 sail set to the best advantage and barely kept in
 the same Latitude, seeing nothing but a few albacores
 they being the first small fish seen since leaving Tumbay
 employ'd as necessary spliced the small lower cable of
 a new, and spliced other two pieces of spare cable together
 and bent it for a working cable
 OBS Lat 1° 30' Long { ^{at 1 PM} 86° 18' }
 { ^{at 6 PM} 87° 05' }

Ship *Cornwall* whaling about the Galapagos I. West 1809

Friday
August 4th

first part light airs at South with rain and at times calm steering WSW for the Gallapagos Islands at 3 A.M. I found the watch off of duty and calling their attention to my orders, found in Wm. Whitstone open resistance to my command with Mutinous language doubting my right to command my own Ship, which conduct I could not consider otherwise than as destructive to the usual good order of the Ship and as an example in the eyes of the crew that was likely would lead to disturbances of material importance therefore to check Mutiny in its first appearance I had him tied to the Mast Rizing and with the help of a point corrected and convinced him of his error in such very Mutinous behaviour, then noticed him, and on account of our distance, and length of time, from British authority let him perform his duty as heretofore middle and latter part gentle trades & fair, at noon finding myself currented 12 miles to the S^W in 24 hours where WBS but saw nothing

Obs Lat 1-48 S. Long { W. Chr. 88-10-30
G. W. 88-46-00

Saturday 5th
August

moderate trade winds prevailing at SWW through the day, steering WWS, at 6 A.M. saw Hood's Island bearing WWS 10 leagues continued my course and at 10 past under the lee of Hood's I. at about 3 miles distance at the same time saw Charles's I. WBS at 2 P.M. reached the N.E. point of Charles's I. and taking the wind for W by ply'd up and at 6 came to anchor at the common anchorage on 8 fathoms water, the NW point bearing W 16 S and N.E. point N 56 E. moored ship with the Kedge & Lances in C^o with the Walker, Capt. West 900, The Phoebe Ann 450, Maria 300, Henry 450 and Perseveranda 450, nothing new amongst the fleet

Obs Lat 1-17 Chronometer found exactly correct

Ship *Corn* at Charles's Island. - Paul West, Master

Sunday August	6 th moderate winds in the Southern and S W $\frac{1}{2}$ N with rainy weather all the fore part, latter part fair & calm two boats employ'd on shore. at 6 P M they return'd with 60 tortoises, with one crew cleaned the outside of the Ship &c
Monday August	7 th calm during night and brisk winds at S W through the day at 3 A M the boats all went after luncheon at 7 the <i>Maria</i> and <i>Rhoda Ann</i> . sailed on their cruise at 3 P M the boats return'd with 100 tortoises
Tuesday	8 th light S W wind and fair all hands employ'd at getting tortoises, took on board 90 of them
Wednesday August	9 th light S W winds and at times calm throughout these 24 hours two boats crews employ'd at getting tortoises, took on board 72 of them, the other boat on board stowing our stock, and preparing for our departure
Thursday August	10 th light Southerly trades and calm all the first 8 hours at 8 A M unmoored, at 9 took our anchors and left Charles Island in C ^o with the <i>Walker</i> leaving the <i>Henry</i> and <i>Perseverance</i> at anchor stood out of the bay to the N W with light winds from S E to West, at noon took the regular trade: steered W N W to pass the S. Head of Albemarle, at 3 P M parted company with the <i>Walker</i> , the S. Head bearing N 37 W steered W N W with light wind all the latter part brought out 392 tortoises being very much lumbered having the cables and many cask on deck

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91.55 W

Ship Cyrus whaling at the Galapagos Islands. P. West

Friday
August

11 at the beginning of these 24 hours the S. Head of Albemarle bore ENE 4 leagues, steered North with light wind at SE and fair weather at 8 AM saw two strange sails in the NWgt at 9h being in Elizabeth Bay dispatched Mr. Buckle in a boat to search for and ascertain the quantity of water that can be procured at the cove of Albemarle, then run out of the Bay and the two strangers, one of them the Governor Dowdell 100 on board, and the other the Monticello 330, no news run round (- Douglasp into Banks Bay and lay too under the lee of the knote till 8 PM (firing hour guns) when the boat joined the ship with account of being able to procure nine barrels of water $\frac{1}{2}$ day (or 24 hours)

Saturday
August

12 light airs on all points of the compass during the first part plying to the W^{ind} in Banks Bay against a strong current setting SE and at 10 AM being without the line of (- Berkley & (- Douglas with light southerly airs concluded to go in to Albemarle watering place and land casks for water. stood in to the End with an air from the W^{ind} until I got $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$ of depth of the bay then took a strong S breeze at SE blowing direct down the Marlborough passage against which I ply'd up with a strong current, and at 5-30 PM anchored in Albemarle cove, and moored with the small bower SSW in 12 water sandy bottom and Kedge NNE in $\frac{1}{2}$ the West point or bluff of the cove bearing S. 8 W. the East point S. E having the E point of Marlborough just open from the E point of the cove & bearing South the South head of Albemarle to be seen over the low E point of Marlborough bearing S. W. landed some cask and began to fill water found it running but very slow found a Man on shore in great distress but could not get a satisfactory account of his getting here, so took him on board

Ship Cyrus watering at Albemarle Cove, Paul West

- Sunday 13th August light airs varying all round but continuing longest in the Southern g^l - laying in Albemarle cove doing nothing on this day but catching every drop of fresh water that the rocks afford, people on shore and fishing caught plenty of very fine fish, and on mounting the hills saw a sail in Banks Bay. the Bays both destitute of wind took on board 158 ^{gals} of water
- Monday 14th August calm until 5 A.M. then a light trade until 2 P.M. then a light Northerly wind (very fair for leaving the cove) until 7 P.M. afterwards calm and very smooth in the cove employ'd careened ship and after a good burning round the bends prayed one side in the best manner, paid strict attention to saving every drop of fresh water took on board ^{9th} 129
- Tuesday 15th August light winds in the Southern and S.E. g^l all the ^H 24 sometimes nearly calm, careened ship and prayed the other side of the bends, all the chains, and put a coat of stuff completely over the outside of the Ship, took in ^{9th} 228 water caught plenty of fish more indeed than could be taken care of, in the evening a swell bore in that gave the Ship considerable motion occasioned by a strong trade in Elizabeth Bay
- Wednesday 16th August begins with light baffling winds, at 3 A.M. a land breeze sprang up that without much alteration continued through the remaining part of the day. Employ'd took on board ^{9th} 150 of water, opened the lumber port between decks and took out all large spars &c. that required to pass through that port, cleared the coe-hold and hoisted both pumps upon deck, cleared them and pump-well and set the pumps in their places again, caught fish &c
- Thursday 17th August light wind in the S.E. g^l until 11 A.M. afterwards a gentle N.W. breeze through the latter part, took in 384 ^{gals} of water broke up afloat & stowed water below painted the Ship outside, caught a few fine Maccarel amongst many other fish

Ship Cyrus watering at Albemarle Cove. Paul West

Friday
August

18th light variable air mostly in the Western quarter and calm
 Laying still moored in the cove, overhauled our moorings and
 found them in good order. took on board 806 G^{ls} of water
 finished painting the outside of the ship, and after clearing
 decks the crew as well as myself took a range on shore in
 several directions, but did not find a living tortoise, saw many
 old shells lying about the valley called the gardens, but
 on account of the extreme heat and drought that has
 attended there I^{c} for two seasons past, the whole vegetation
 appears to ^{be} dried up, and the surface of the ground parched so
 as to resemble a blacksmiths cinder, more than anything else
 sounded about the entrance of the Cove & found it not to
 be that bottomless navigation as has been generally supposed

Saturday
August

19th light S E trades all the first part, at 3 P.M. a fine
 land breeze at North that continued until 10 afterwards
 calm employ'd occasionally, one boat went up towards the
 Eⁿ part of Elizabeth Bay and cut a good stock of
 Iron-poles of a heavy kind like mangroves another boat
 in a few hours caught plenty of fish for present use & salting
 took on board 279 gallons of water

Sunday
August

20th light S E by winds until 4 P.M. then set in a land wind
 at NNE that continued until 8 afterwards wind at SE
 went round the W point of the Cove to the Mangrove-
 beach, found plenty of trees suitable for a ships wood hut
 as they were standing in 2-3 or 4 feet water and foul bottom
 the wood could not easily be procured, then rounded abreast of
 the beaches where ships have anchored, found the depth of 5
 near the shore from which off to a mile distance the sounding
 increased at very small distances as follows 5-5-6-8-7-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7-8-9-10-
 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -11-12-13-13 $\frac{1}{2}$ -14-15-16-17-21-28-32, the ranges of the two high
 knoles on Albemarle bearing P^{r} E kept in a direct line with each
 other, and when in 17 the lead got so entangled with rocks at the
 bottom that I found it difficult to get it clear, the bottom
 appeared to be spotted, in some places sandy, and in others rocky
 took on board 172 G^{ls} of water, caught some fine Maucavel &c.

Ship's journal watering at Albemarle Cove. Paul West

- Monday 21st light S E winds until 2 P.M. then a land breeze at 8 that continued until 10 afterwards baffling & calm took on board 273 gallons of water, and stowed the principal part of our stock of water into the After hold otherwise employ'd about the rigging and sails as necessary caught as many maccarel as we could take care of
- Tuesday 22nd brisk S E winds and cool lowry weather through these ^H 24 so that no opportunity offered for leaving here if I was ready. people mostly on shore working off any symptoms of scurvy that might be in them, at night they returned and brought with them the largest cow-tortoise that I ever saw, took on board 315 gallons of water. Had a full view of both bays but saw no ship.
- Wednesday 23rd begins with a strong S E trade that brought in a considerable little swell which caused the ship some motion and broke so smartly against the rocks that (its being night) appeared nearer the ship than usual, but it was appearance only at 6 A.M. light airs & calm until 7 then the regular trade set in and continued a moderate breeze all the Remⁿ part landed most of the crew for tortoises, but after traversing the most likely places all day they returned with an a^c of no living tortoises to be found on the same ground where they were in 1804 very plenty, and that the face of the country appeared entirely dried up, took in 248 of water
- Thursday 24th light variable airs and calm most of these ^H 24, from 3 P.M. to 10 we had a light wind at N N W but not having a plentiful stock of water did not make use of it took on board 200 ^{gals} and stowed away our water ready for sea
- Friday 25th light S E trades and clear wth, at noon calm, at 3 P.M. light wind at W N W with which and a light bidge or whale anchor & warp we left the cove, then took off all watering apparatus, but finding that the Man who was here on my arrival was a ringleader of mutiny on board the B. G. P. could not clearly meddle with him, so left him on shore, ply'd up against a W N W wind, at 8 calm (bushy N N W mangrove beach, S E, at 10 a light wind at N N E with which by 12 we reached the middle of the entrance of Banks Bay

Ship Cyrus whaling at the Galapagos Islands, Paul West Master

Friday 25th took on board 250 ^{gals} of water making in all taken at the Cove in 12 days 20 hours 3092 gallons, or ^{ells} ^{ells} equal to 241 gallons in 24 hours, by the appearance of our cable the bottom of the Cove (although generally found to be good anchorage) has some stones large enough to rub our cable, but the hawser was not the least rubbed

Saturday August 26th with light variable winds stood out of the Bay and at 6 AM took the regular S by trade & windward current stood off and at 1 PM saw breaches at least 3 leagues to windward of us, having a gentle trade, trimmed every sail to the best advantage and made hour boards, at 3 could see they were a shoal of sperm whales, and at 1/2 past 4 just as we had stowed our anchors unbent and coiled down the cables, and all spare ropes, hawsers, junk &c stowed the water last brought on board, and finally cleared decks, the whales were near enough, so put off and killed two, a large and small one, at 3 took the large one along side, but darkness prevented our getting the other Narborough E N E 10 leagues, no vessel seen, had the W boat badly stove by the large whale



Sunday August 27th first part light wind at S by E, at 6 AM look'd on to our large whale and sent one boat in search for the small one at 8 the boat found it took it in tow and at noon had it along side, having taken all of the other in look'd on and took in the small one and by 5 PM had the large head on board, made sail by the wind E by S Narborough E S E winds moderate at S by E, began boiling

Monday August 28th moderate southerly winds and fair cruising off West of Cape Douglas from 3 to 15 leagues well employ'd at boiling a large whale, but no living whale to be seen took in and began to repair our stoven boat, placed the stern boat in the waist and prepared for another siege

Tuesday August 29th moderate winds at South cruising W S W & S W of Cape Douglas, employ'd at, and finished boiling, saw nothing but the Land and a few porpoises began to clear for stowing

Ship Cyrus whaling at and leaving the Galapagos Islands. W. West, Master

Wednesday 30 August gentle S E and Southerly winds & fair through the day cruising off the mouth of Elizabeth Bay (Douglas N E. & Christopher's Point E N. distance between 5 & 16 leagues saw nothing but a few finbacks employ'd & took down the oil of our large & small whales filling Ninety-five Barrels the large whale having filled at least 85 barrels although not so large a fish as we caught on the 3^d of May 1809

Thursday 31 August gentle S E trades and a N W current, against which we ply'd by the wind with all sail set, barely holding our ground off W N of Christopher's Point, and S W of Cape Douglas, at 4 P M being within the entrance of Elizabeth Bay and no appearance of doing anything towards completing my cargo, about ship & stood off to the S W by the wind which was brisk at S E N E all the latter part, at 6 P M (Christopher's Point East 6 leagues by several observations found the Chronometer to continue its regular rate of gaining 11" per day since June 3^d 1809

Friday 1 September gentle trades between S E and S E and at times almost calm standing off by the wind, at 8 A M saw a breach E S E of me about ship, but not seeing anything more of it, at 10 headed off employ'd repairing the stoven boat & setting up Packs, no land seen the sea very rocy Lat 0° 00' 1-38 Long 111° 22'-39

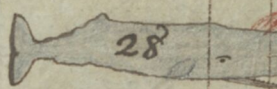
Saturday 2 Sept^r light winds varying between S E and S E with light squalls continuing off S W by the wind with all sail set saw nothing but a finback, finished repairing the boats and placed her over the stern, repair'd casks, set up packs &c. OBS Lat 2-30 Long 111° 47'-45 at noon as usual

Sunday 3 Sept^r brisk trades between S E and S S E continuing off by the wind against a head sea through the 24 hours, saw many finbacks, found myself currented to the W 30 miles in 24 OBS Lat 3-52 Long 111° 49'-15

Monday 4 Sept^r fresh winds between S E and E S E & some squalls that drove in N W by the wind, employ'd at sails & casks, OBS Lat 5-42 Long 111° 38'-15

Ship *Cyrus* from the Gal. I. bound towardward, West

Tuesday September	5 th strong trades at ESE standing <i>by</i> the wind with <i>Ty</i> sails over single reefs. latter part heavy peruvian squalls that reduced us to double reefs & two staysails employ'd at casks & sails. saw flying fish, bonitos, lampbacks, boobies, and hawks & porpoises OBS Lat 7-25, Long <i>Ch</i> 97-16-30 at noon as usual.
Wednesday Sept th	6 th strong trades and squally weather heading up South & SE through the 24 hours carrying double reef'd topsails, Mizzen & Mizen stood most of the time. The sea so very rugged caused the ship to plunge deep and pass considerable water over her. saw nothing employ'd at casks & sails OBS Lat 9-11, Long <i>Ch</i> 97-42-00
Thursday Sept th	7 th continues boisterous Peruvian weather standing <i>by</i> the wind under double reef'd topsails and staysails. latter part more moderate, set jib & Mizzen, and one reef out fore & aft saw nothing OBS Lat 10-55, Long <i>Ch</i> 98-29-15
Friday Sept th	8 th fresh winds at EBS and East with tolerable weather set <i>Ty</i> sails over single reefs, under which we remained all the latter part standing to the <i>by</i> close by the wind against, a short sea from the SEBS saw plenty of flying fish and some porpoises OBS Lat 12-50 Long <i>Ch</i> 98-27-15
Saturday Sept th	9 th brisk trades at East and trade like weather at 11 AM saw several sperm whales in the S.W. down all boats for them, but they were so very shy that it was almost impossible to touch one, but kept chasing even without prospect. at 3 PM Struck and killed a young bull, took him to the ship and at 6 PM had him all on board, and sail set by the wind to the SE here we saw many porpoises, B. fish, & haglets, OBS Lat 15-06, Long <i>Ch</i> 98-15-00
Sunday Sept th	10 th brisk trades at EBS and fair continuing <i>by</i> the wind at 5 AM begun and at 12 PM finished boiling out OBS Lat 16-16 Long <i>Ch</i> 97-59-15
Monday Sept th	11 th strong single reef trades and squally heading up SSE and South. employ'd, stood down the oil and last whale filling twenty eight barrels, saw humpbacks, boobies & tropic birds the weather appearing more like variable than trade winds OBS Lat 17-55 Long <i>Ch</i> 98-00-30.



Ship Cyrus from the Galp. Ist bound toward Pth West

Tuesday September	12 th	brisk trades at E B S and some squalls continuing my route ^{and} by the wind, seeing nothing employ'd as usual, Cooper finished setting up Packs having no more on board. Lat 19-56 Long ^{Pth Chr^m} 98-17-30
Wednesday Sept ^m	13 th	brisk trades between E B N. & E B S and fair continuing ^{and} by the wind, employ'd at making a set of Mr. T. J. shrouds, Mr. T. Shalyards &c as necessary having clear weather obtain'd the Longitude by Lunar Obs ⁿ with Antares E of the moon, and the Sun West of her OBS Lat 22-09 Long ^{Pth Chr^m} Result of Lunars 98-42-00 98-51-30
Thursday Sept ^m	14 th	light trades at E B S and fair standing ^{and} by the wind until 4 P M when the wind haul'd gradually to the N ^W and blew a fine breeze at N all the latter part steered East under all sail, employ'd making rigging and repairing our boats, Lat 23-34 Long ^{Pth Chr^m} 98-24-15 by a good Lunar observation with C & D it was 98-22-30
Friday Sept ^m	15 th	strong breezes at NW through the day steered E ¹ / ₂ N at 6 P M winds veer'd to W S W with a little rain set a T T M S th , having a head sea req ^d no more sail OBS Lat 24-06 Long ^{Pth Chr^m} 95-26-45
Saturday Sept ^m	16 th	brisk Westerly winds & misty weather steering East at 6 A M saw a strange sail bearing S B W haul'd up & E to reconnoiter her, at 8 hove too (as she bore West and was steering East) and lay till 1 st past 8 with our Colours set & signal at the Main, then as she was about 3 miles off I could plainly make it out to be the Good Downwell but for sufficient reasons. I fill'd away, steered East and set all sail having gentle breezes at West, & fair ^{and} at 6 P M we had left the Gov ^t at least 10 miles took in & repaired the T-boat & painted her, so ends with a cross ugly sea on, winds flaging, & weather clear took a good Lunar Observation found the Longitude 93-15-15 OBS Lat 24-23 Long ^{Pth Chr^m} 93-09-15

Ship Cyrus from the Gulf of L^a bound towards West.

Sunday 17th the first 6 hours very light W^{ly} airs & calm steering E
at 6 A M the Gov^t Dowdwell was barely in sight bearing W N N
at 7 lost sight of her middle part with 3 knots breezes at N N W
latter part light winds at N W, studding sails set fore and aft, & Royal
OBS Lat 24-40 Long ϕ Chr^m 91-13-30 which as usual is correct

Monday 18th light Northerly winds & fair steering East with studding sails and
royal set throughout these 24 hours employed repairing sails
painted one boat &c as necessary, saw nothing alive about us
OBS Lat 24-42 Long ϕ Chronometer 89-15-15

Tuesday 19th moderate N E breezes during the fore part, latter part light
winds & fair continuing my Eastern course before a high short
swell from the S W repaired sails &c as necessary saw nothing
OBS Lat 24-58 Long ϕ Chr^m 87-9-45

Wednesday 20th light Northerly winds & fair until 6 P M steered E N N
then calm to the end of the 24 hours, the swell from the S W running
as high as is common in a gale, saw nothing in either of the
elements, neither fish nor bird of any kind, repaired sails &c
OBS Lat 25-03 Long ϕ Chr^m 85-52-30

Thursday 21st light airs & calm, when any wind it generally came from
the N E and E n g^l ply'd on the best tack to make an E N E
course at 4 P M saw a strange sail in the N N E g^l
she appeared, a ship standing S E and by the wind
employ'd repairing sails, caulking the upper-work forward
OBS Lat 25-12 Long ϕ Chr^m 85-12-15 no fish seen

Friday 22nd calm until 5 A M then a light air at N E headed E n n
on a high swell from the S W at 5-30 A M saw the
stranger brⁿ N N E and measured them at sunset
at 2 P M spoke and found it to be the Spanish Ship formerly
called the Sprightly & London 16 days from Lima for Callaparo
the Captⁿ and passengers informed me of a Peace between England
and Russia, of its being War between the United States of America
and France, and that the French had conquered the principle
part of old Spain, they likewise told me that several English
ships had entered Lima, but differing in their accounts, respecting
the ships, gave room for suspicion, bartered for a few potatoes &
steered N E with a light W^{ly} air & calm

Lat 25-18
Long ϕ Chr^m
85-06-45

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Ship Cyrus from the Galapagos Is. bound to windward, P. West

Saturday 23 Sept th	light variable airs and calm still weather throughout these 24 ^h fanning to the N E nd before the M ^o well at 10 A M lost sight of Spaniola in the S S E q ^{tr} , saw nothing else employ'd making rigging, caulking the quick work &c OBS Lat 25-15 Long 84-37-15, current S E 15' in 24 hours
Sunday 24 Sept th	nothing within our view during this clear day, but the surface of the vast Pacific Ocean which on account of the profound calm, appeared remarkable white & white, except now and then a variable air with which we continued fanning to the N E nd OBS Lat 25-10 Long 84-37-45
Monday 25 Sept th	continues entirely calm 24 hours out of the 24, during about 2 ^h in 24 we had light catpaws generally from the N N W q ^{tr} as usual the weather very clear discerned a strange sail bearing N S W but at so great a distance from us, that when I sat on the M ^o T. cap with my glass over the M ^o T. I could barely see her M ^o Royal when both this and the other vessel were on top of the high S W swell at one & the same time, repaired sails &c Lat 24-51 Long 83-33-15
Tuesday 26 Sept th	this day begins together with a light air from the E nd that by 8 A M had some resemblance of the trade wind, with which we stood to the N nd by the wind, latter part brisk wind at E B S. that reduced us to single reef'd topsails saw 13 fish and several birds, employ'd repairing the top-rims OBS Lat 23-50 Long 82-49-15
Wednesday 27 Sept th	first part fresh winds at E B S & squalls that reduced us to double-reefs, standing N E nd by the wind latter part more moderate with 1/2 sails over single reefs painted the waist boat &c saw nothing but a finback OBS Lat 21-58 Long 81-14
Thursday 28 Sept th	fresh trades at E S E the East standing in N E nd by the wind carrying 1/2 sails the M ^o very cloudy, could not get a Lunar OBS. saw several finbacks and dodging hawks the colour of the sea inclining from its sea-blue to the usual blackish cast, that is commonly found on the Peruvian M ^o employ'd on sundries of duty from stern to stern these 24 hours OBS Lat 19-53 Long 79-25-30 equal to 6 3/4 miles close on a wind

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. W. West, Master

Friday
September

29th The brisk trades at ESE to East continuing my route NE and close by the wind throughout these 24 hours saw several humpbacks and at 6 PM entered the western part of the green water not sight of the birds that have lately been round us. Employed occasionally
OBS Lat 17-53 Long 78-15-00

Saturday
September

30th The brisk trades at ESE to SE steering NE in N under as much sail as convenient to carry, at 10 AM got within the outer green water, and after crossing a space of 50 miles of dark water at 3-25 PM saw the Continent of Peru
the Land at a D.

N 40 E distance 10- or 12 leagues, at sunset wore ship and shortened sail having seen nothing but a humpback, not a bird or the least encouragement steered Wath, but before we had run one mile, two large sperm whales came up within half a mile of us and laid a spouted until darkness had them hauled immediately to the wind & laid off & on for daylight having very strong single reef breezes and rugged weather
OBS Lat 16-00 Long 75-58-00 at 3-25 PM
which according to the Land is precisely correct

Sunday
October

1st first 5 hours laid off & on under double reef being as much sail as we could carry in a very strong wind at SE & E
stood in for the land until 10 AM then having Mons. de Nores N E distance 2 1/2 or 3 miles, and a fair view of the shore & hills which appeared very barren and sandy, about ship & stood off WWS, having seen plenty of humpbacks, seals, and shore fowls as gulls, boobies, &c, but no sperm whales near the land as formerly at 6 PM the wind increased to an uncommon Peruvian gale at SE that set every movable in motion continued WWS
OBS Lat 15-10 Long 75-40-00 which is correct

Monday
October

2 Strong Peruvian gales at SE & ESE and so high a sea on as to board the ship from the cathead to gun-batteries, steering WWS at 10 AM shipped a small but sharp sea that stove in the bulwark of the waist, at 5-30 PM saw a strange ship bearing SSW at 7 spoke and found it to be the Charlton Capt. O. Folger 350 Bbls. Soil on board & 14 days out of Lima who contradicted my last account of War between France & the US and instead of France conquering Spain, the fact is to the Reverse laid off & on under short sail saw nothing of our game.

Lat 15-15
Long 79-00

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West Master

Tuesday October	3 rd	fresh S E trades and hazy weather cruising off & on in E. with the Charlton on muddy greenish water saw nothing but two or three finbacks, employ'd occasionally Obs Lat 15-36 Long 78-25-15
Wednesday October	4 th	moderate cruising breezes and tolerable whale-weather stood off S S W by the wind through the 24 hours seeing nothing but two finbacks and the Charlton, at noon we got off out of the green into blue water, which is a much greater distance from land than ever I saw the green water to extend before it being exactly 3 leagues. no fish nor fowl about us Obs Lat 16-09 Long 78-02-00 at noon as usual
Thursday October	5 th	fresh S E trades and equally through the 24 hours cruising off and on by the wind, at 6 A M being 117 leagues from the nearest land, about ship to try nearer the land saw nothing about us but the Charlton Obs Lat 16-18 Long 78-13-15 Long 97 1/2
Friday October	6 th	light winds varying frequently between S and E N E with drizzly weather continued standing in N E by the wind throughout the day without seeing anything except a few finbacks, & the Charlton Obs Lat 15-43 Long 78-33-00 Land 86 1/2
Saturday October	7 th	brisk S E trades and (as something new) fair whale weather stood in by the wind under all sail by day, & easy sail at night saw nothing new. Lat 15-15 Long 79-30-45 Land 6 1/2 leagues
Sunday October	8 th	light winds & smooth sea all the fore part, stood in E N E by the wind until 7 P M without seeing anything indicating sperm whale, and being 35 leagues distant from the Continent, the water of a muddy green colour, gave up the idea of finding whale nearer the land so about ship, steered W S W with an intent of trying the off-shore-green the Charlton in E. Lat at 7 P M 14-33, Long 78-04-30, Land 35 leagues
Monday October	9 th	brisk S E trades & dark lowry weather & smooth sea, steered W S W till 6 P M saw nothing but green water & h. backs then steered NW under easy sail for the night Obs Lat 14-43 Long 77-48-25 at 6 P M 79-48-25 (Land 63 1/2)
Tuesday October	10 th	fresh S E trades and afternoon equally steered NW through the day, and lay under courses S S W at night, at 9 A M left the green water at 93 1/2 from land, at noon saw fly fish, h. backs & the Charlton in E. Lat 15-31 Long at noon 78-14-15, Land 101 1/2

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Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West, Master

Wednesday 11th October very fresh trades at S E and equally weather steering S W by day and laying too under courses during night. saw nothing resembling good whaling ground. the Charlton in Co. discovered a leak in the bows near the stem, but being generally above water it did not admit much water. Lat 16-40 Long 82-43 at 4 P M 82-43, Land 123

Thursday 12th October continues strong trades at S E & E & rugged weather. stood S W by day and too under courses by night saw nothing but a few humpbacks, no kind of small fish, not but very few fowls of any kind unbent and condemn'd our old Foretop sail to repair other sails &c. Lat 17-28 Long 83-49 at 4-30 P M 83-49-15 Land 158 leagues

Friday 13th October continues strong trades at E & S and rugged weather, steered S W by day through the day, without seeing the least sign of good whaling ground, at 6 P M being in Lat 18-40 Long 85-06 and distant from the nearest land (which is Morro Parica in 14-15) one hundred & ninety-one leagues, without any prospect of success, about ship & stood in by the wind under double reefs all the latter part, in Co with the Charlton having had no more than double reef topsails set these three days Lat 18-30 Long 84-50-00

Saturday 14th October continues very strong double reef breezes at E & S & rugged weather standing in N E by the wind without seeing anything in the sea, and leaves a glittered in the air, the Charlton in Co. Lat 17-49 Long 83-57-30 at noon, Land 166 leagues

Sunday 15th October strong trades at E & S and very dark rugged weather stood in N E by the wind under double reefs by day & courses by night, saw nothing but two glittered & the Charlton put our chances together for the day but to no purpose. Lat 16-42 Long 83-41-15 Land at 150 leagues

Monday 16th October brisk trades between E and S E with more moderate weather and smooth sea, continuing my route N E by the wind in Co with the Charlton saw nothing until 4 P M, then saw the breath of a whale that appeared possible to be of the right kind, acted accordingly but saw no more of it laid too under courses at night, after having all sail set no small fish, nor scarce a bird of any kind to be seen. Lat 15-38 Long 83-13-15 Land 137 leagues

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. Paul West Master

Tuesday
October

17th - brisk winds & tolerable weather continuing in by the wind under as much sail by day as convenient to carry, and at nights hove too under courses, saw nothing but a finback and the Charlton, Lat 14-28, Long 82-36, Land 116

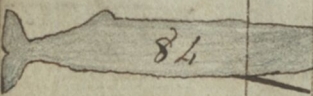
Wednesday
Oct

18th - strong trades at S E N E & dark weather, standing in at 8 A M saw several sperm whales E S of us made signal to the Charlton, down boats pursued & struck one large whale, that broke my line & warp, and as the sea was very rugged, she got away spouting blood, returned, and at 10 saw a whale by itself, pursued, struck and killed it, and at 2 P M had it fast to the bows, look'd on and took the body in and lay by the head for the next day, the Charlton in C but unfortunate Lat 14-00, Long 81-40-00 Land 96



Thursday
Oct

19th - brisk trades & rugged weather, at 6 look'd on and cut in the head, made sail, and just as the Charlton was almost out of sight in the E N E of us we saw several sperm whales West of us, run down, pursued, and at noon struck & killed one good sized whale, at 1 P M had her under Cyrus's feet at 3 saw a single whale S E of us (the Charlton out of sight) down boats, struck and at 4 had the whale dead took her in tow, and after getting the first whale by the nose made sail upon the ship and by 12 at night, got the whale and ship together, and began boiling out at 6 P M saw the Charlton East of us, plenty of B. fish &c Lat 13-20, Long 82-00-00 Land 102 leagues



the whale taken by the Cyrus filled 50 Bbls and that taken by the Charlton made 68 barrels, 1/2 of 68 added to 50 makes 84 Bbls to the Cyrus, out of 10 days work

Friday
October

20th - moderate Easterly trades and much warmer weather than usual at 8 A M finding the oil beginning to run from our first blubber and two large whales along side that will be more than our try works can possibly boil out without waste, I delivered one whale to the Charlton to manufacture and divide equally between us, At noon look'd on to the other whale, and at 6 P M had it all on board, the Charlton having all in except the head, we lay hove too a boiling with speed, saw nothing about us Lat 13-37 Long 82-25-15 Lima 107

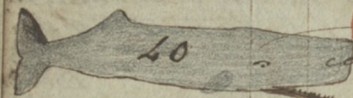
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Saturday October	21 st	brisk trades at ESE to SE and fair, cruising on & off by the wind in C with the Charlton both ships well employed at boiling out, saw a breach SE of us, did not see it again Lat 13-30 Long 81-22-10 Land 100 leagues
Sunday October	22 nd	brisk winds at SE and rough weather, standing in through the 24 hours, in C with the Charlton, well employed at boiling out, under double reef topsails by day, & courses at night, saw nothing but one shoal of B fish. Lat 13-06 Long 81-24-15 Land 84
Monday Oct	23 rd	continues strong SE trades and rough weather at 10 AM finished boiling out, cleared the run and after hold and stowed down the Oil of our two whales filling one hundred & thirteen Bbls. the weather very rugged could not transport my part of the whale, & to the Charlton which has made 68 Bbls. therefore concluded to put our future Chances together upon terms of equal loss or gain, stood in by the wind till 6 PM, then off by the wind, saw nothing but two shoals of killers Lat 12-23 Long 81-19-30 Land 77 leagues
Tuesday Oct	24 th	the moderate trades at SE to ESE and a rough sea on stood off by the wind through the 24 hours saw B fish & finbacks, likewise plenty of horseshoe eagles, but no sperm whale employed at preparing casks &c in order for another fair, the sea of a greenish cast, Lat 12-47, Long 81-40-45, Land 86
Wednesday Oct	25 th	the gentle trades and smoother surface to the Ocean cruising off and on by the wind delivered to the Charlton six 120 ^{lb} of bread each containing 350 & Rec ^d the like quantity of oil casks saw nothing but a finback & a few birds, repaired sails &c. Lat 13-00 Long 81-38-15 Land 93 leagues
Thursday Oct	26 th	the gentle SE trades & fair throughout these 24 hours stood in by the wind under all sail by day, & three topsails at night saw nothing, Lat 12-02 Long 81-04 Land
Friday Oct	27 th	the brisk SE trades and fair, at 6 AM we saw many sperm whales between the ships, down all boats & struck several & killed only two, one of them was lost (by misconduct) with 450 of line, took the other on board the Cyrus, saw other whales run toward us could not get at them Lat 11-21 Long 80-41 Land 60



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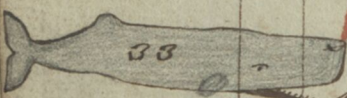
Saturday 28 moderate S E trades and tolerable W. employ'd at boiling out, at 7 A.M. the Charlton made signal for sperm whales, at 8 down all boats, at 10 struck a whale that run a longer time than I ever saw one before, as it was about 3 P.M. when we killed him, and at 5 got him hauled to the Cyrus, set our works on again and finished boiling yesterday's whale. have too for daylight, this day has produced a great many whales but so shy that we find it almost impossible to touch one. Lat 11-38 Long 80-50 Land 60 lgs



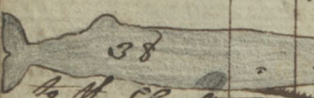
Sunday 29th brisk S E trades and fair at 5-30 A.M. hook'd on and at 8 had our whale all on board, saw several sperm-whales in the N E q^{tr} made signal to the Charlton and at 9 down five boats and pursued them until 1 P.M. without breaking blackskin, return'd, and at 2 pursued others struck one that parted my new line and made it impossible to get near another return'd on board at 5 P.M. and set the works on to boiling out saw a carcass, likely our own with dolphin round it. Lat 11-38, Long 80-49, Land 60 lgs



Monday 30th fresh S E trades and fair, cruising off & on by the wind at 8 A.M. the Charlton made signal for sperm whales, and at the same time we saw some other whales, which we pursued struck & killed one that by 5-30 P.M. had all on board the Cyrus the Charlton chased the whales but without the good luck to take any, laid on & off a boiling out Lat 11-28, Long 80-38 Land 56 lgs



Tuesday 31 moderate S E trades and fair, at 8 A.M. saw two sperm whales in the S E q^{tr}, made signal to the Charlton, ply'd up and at 10 down two of my boats, struck, killed and delivered the whale to the Charlton's boats, and by 11 return'd on board and begun stowing down, the other whale having run out of sight before we put off, the Charlton took the whale on board and continued off & on by the wind, saw no small fish, & but few birds barely finished boiling at the end of these 24 hours Lat 11-26 Long 80-45 Land 59 Leagues



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Wednesday
November

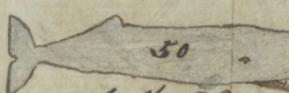
1st moderate S E trades and fair weather cruising on & off in Co with the Charlton, without seeing anything during the day well employ'd at completing our lower hold, at 6 P.M. having stow'd sixty barrels of this fare under the lower deck, I had the great satisfaction to see the lower hold completely filled with Sperm Oil holding 1466 barrels, having nothing else under the lower deck but our Powder and Spirits in all, not exceeding the bulk of six barrels oil.

Lat 11-16
Long 80-57Thursday
Nov^r

2^d moderate S E trades & fair cruising on & off by the wind, after mounting all of our guns (from the storeroom) I battened up a tarpaulin against the fore part of the bulk-head of the storeroom to prevent air or moisture coming from that part of the Cargo that I expect to have between decks, then began to stow upon the lower deck by laying a tier of large casks close up to the tarpaulin arranged our guns and water to better convenience and completed stowing the oil of our last three whales, filling in all 113 barrels
Lat 11-27 Long 80-27-15 Land

Friday
Nov^r

3^d light S E trades and fair standing off by the wind, employ'd haul'd the cables up, and coiled them on the q^d deck, took all of our spare rigging into the cabin, stanchioned up the q^d deck, built a coal-room athwart the fore-castle between decks and filled it with coals, but before we could finish clearing the Main-coal-room of coals, at 4 P.M. saw a single Sperm whale made signal to the Charlton, and directly after the Charlton made the same signal ^{for other whales} and put off with all her boats at 4-40 the whale came up near us, we down boats struck, killed, and at 6 had the whale fast under Cyrus's feet, between 5 & 6 we saw several whales and the Charlton's boats amongst them but without the good fortune to take any



to the Charlton

Lat 12-07

Long 81-04

Saturday
Nov^r

4th moderate S E trades and fair, being very much lumbered, at 6 A.M. we gave the end of our fluke-rope to the Charlton, & made sail, began to arrange our provisions casks, coals &c at 9 saw 1 whale (the Charlton E N E topsails down from aloft) at 10 down boats at 11-30 struck, killed, and at 1 P.M. had a large whale along-side, the C^h having cut the whale in 2 good flows us till 2 then tack'd made signal for whales, and at 4 went out of our sight bearing E N E, built another coal room & cleared occasionally at 4 look'd on and cut the head off, ends lose too

60 to the Charlton

123

63 to the Cyrus

Lat 12-00

Long 81-21

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West Master

Sunday
November

5th fresh trades at S E and rough Peruvian weather
at 3.30 A.M. look'd on to our whale and at noon had it
all on board, made sail to the E and at 2 P.M. saw a
ship E N of me, which at 7 I spoke and found it to be
the Charlton, they had just cut in a large whale that they
killed at the time we lost sight of them, laid off by the wind
well employ'd on board both ships at boiling out Sperm Oil
finding my stock of empty casks very small was under the
agreeable necessity of starting bread and flour for oil-casks
Lat 12-05 Long 81-40 Land 78 leagues

Monday
Nov^r

6th fresh trades at S E and rough weather cruising off & on
well employ'd at boiling out, and starting flour & bread for casks,
made a ling and filled it with flour, filled the second room with
bread, stowed every sail in the cabin, which with spare rigging
and sundry stores nearly filled it, saw nothing but a carcass
and two dolphins. Lat 11-57 Long 81-30-15 Land 76 leagues

Tuesday
Nov^r

7th brisk S E trades and rough Peruvian weather cruising off
& on by the wind without seeing anything but my consort,
finished boiling out, and stowed the cold oil between decks
Lat 12-19 Long 81-54-15 Land

Wednesday
Nov^r

8th strong S E trades and very rugged weather, at 6 A.M.
found ourselves amongst a great many Sperm-bull Whales
made signal to the Charlton, down all six boats struck
and killed a whale to each ship, took ours along side
then finished stowing down the oil of our last whale 63 bls
31 to the Charlton and afterwards cut the whale in, the Charlton lying by
her whale, we lay hove to in C, not a small fish of any
kind to be seen, nor any birds except a few horse-shoes &
white-haglets, employ'd boiling out and providing casks
for the oil the sea of a greenish blue colour
Lat 12-13 Long 82-07-30 Land 88 leagues

31 to the Charlton
65
31 to the Cyrus

Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru Paul West Master

Thursday
Nov^r

9th brisk S E trades and very rugged weather. finished boiling yesterday's whale and prepared for stowing it below as soon as cold saw nothing but the Charlton during the day, after they had taken the whale on board, they made sail by the wind off, and on
Lat 11-49 Long 81-35 Land 75 leagues

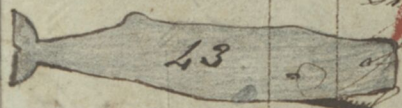
Friday
Nov^r

10th fresh S E trades & rough weather, at daylight the Charlton was not in sight, at 6 A M about ship & saw sperm whales made sail for them but they were running faster than we could, so that by 8 I gave up the chase & stood off S W by the wind, at 9 saw the Charlton S W of me employed stowed down the oil of my last whale filling 32 barrels, at 5 P M the Charlton made signal for a breach, proc'd finbacks filled up a sufficient stock of water for the passage home, and stowed it between decks, overhauled every cask on board that was not full of oil, and arranged them as necessary
Lat 11-46 Long 81-20 Land 70 leagues



Saturday
Nov^r

11th brisk trades and rough Peruvian weather, cruising on & off by the wind, at 7 A M saw a single sperm whale made signal to the Charlton, down with my boats, struck killed, and at 10 had him alongside, and at 1 all on board whilst cutting I delivered 1650 of Bread and one Molasses to the Charlton, and took the like quantity of empty cask in return, at 1 P M just as we had got our whale in, the Charlton made signal for a single S whale, down with her boats, and two of mine but the whale started off, returned on board & began boiling, at 5 the Charlton made signal for a school of S whales S E of her, the winds fresh at S E ply'd up and at sunset got within a mile of the whales, but night prevented our doing anything with them, laid on & off, for daylight saw Blackfish and horse-shoe-haglets only
Lat 11-30 Long 81-09 Land 65 leagues



Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru. West Master

Sunday 12th November
 brisk S E trades and tolerable smooth sea, delivered to the Charlton fifteen tierces of best Irish beef and pork then stood off by the wind all the latter part without seeing anything but two humpbacks. employ'd at & finished boiling our last whale. cooper well employ'd at cask. Reqd. of the ship as much empty casks as contained the salted provisions
 Lat 11-22 Long 81-11-45 Land 66 leagues

Monday 13th November
 moderate S E trades and good whale-weather throughout this day, stood in by the wind and entered on the Western edge of the Green water. Saw several humpbacks playing. but nothing else employ'd stow'd the oil of our last whale (filling forty three barrels) between decks, the stanchions of our Main-top-sail sheet-bitts having been badly wrecked by sperm. whales produce swinging in-board. I was oblig'd to take a part of an oak mast-fish and began to repair them. found the Cyrus getting deeper in the water than I ever saw her before. requiring her aft cabin windows to be shut with dead-lights and caulked, and the midship windows to be darkened with temporary half-ports to keep the water from entering the cabin. here in common rough whale-weather at 6 P.M. about ship off by the wind the Charlton in company
 Lat 11-31 Long 80-26-30 Land 53 leagues

Tuesday 14th November
 light S E trades and fair standing off S S W wind through the day without seeing anything but a few bonitors. & a finback employ'd, cooper at heading up cutting-tubs &c. and carpenter finished the M. S. S. bitts. the sea of a blue colour
 Lat 11-36 Long 81-4-30 P.M. 13-00 Land 67 Lg.

Wednesday 15th November
 light S E trades & fair. at 8 A.M. saw an old carcass with plenty of dolphin about it, supposed it one of our killing continued standing off under all sail by day and three topsails foresail, and two stay sails as usual at night
 saw several humpbacks and finbacks but no birds or anything that frequents good whale ground carpenter employ'd occasionally & cooper at fitting up the strainer-cooler tubs, cooks-cask, &c. &c. to hold oil
 Lat 12-15 Long 82-04-30 Land 74 Leagues

Ship *Cyrus* whaling on the Coast of Peru, West Master

Thursday 16th light winds at S E B E & E S E with fair W^{ch}
 Nov^m
 standing off by the wind, at 9 A M the Charlton made
 signal for sperm whales, at 10 down all six boats, struck
 and killed two to the *Cyrus*, and one to the Charlton, which we took
 to each of our ships, at noon they saw two whales towardward, put
 off with two of their boats, and took one of them, which made
 two whales to each ship, the rest of the whales got clear of us
 92 to the Charlton with whole skins, we look'd on at 1 P M, and at 3-30
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 81 to the *Cyrus* had both whales on board, made sail join'd the Charlton and
 hove too in C, as they had taken but one whale on board,
 both ships well employ'd at boiling out, having seen no sign
 of lively ground during this day, such as birds, fish, &c
 cooper constantly employ'd at contrivance to contain 1 bil
 Lat 12-55 Long 82-04-30 Land 34 leagues

Friday 17th moderate S E and E S E trades and fair weather
 Nov^m
 stood off by the wind through the day in C with the Charlton,
 both ships at boiling out, (the *C* having taken her whale in)
 saw nothing, cooper at fitting up any tubs, or any kind of
 vessel that will make room to contain oil
 Lat 12-52 Long 82-27-45 Land

Saturday 18th brisk E S E trades and tolerable whale weather, stood
 Nov^m
 in by the wind through the day, seeing nothing but one
 shoal of fish and a few birds, employ'd at & finished
 boiling out, could not find empty casks to relieve the pots
 and coppers, cooper at making water-tubs to empty good
 casks for oil, Lat 12-55 Long 82-12-15 Land

Sunday 19th moderate S E trades cruising on & off by the wind
 Nov^m
 in C with the Charlton, saw two dolphins but no spouts
 of any kind, employ'd stow'd down the oil of the last
 whales filling eighty-one barrels, which filled between-decks
 so full as to prevent taking any more whales blubber below
 Lat 12-19 Long 81-30-45 Land
 cooper at making water tubs

Ship *Cyrus* whaling on the Coast of Peru Paul West, Master

Monday 20th November
 brisk E trades and a short swell from SSW
 stood off by the wind through the day. saw nothing
 cooper and carpenter at making tubs of boat-board to
 contain pickle or water & relieve casks for oil
 repaired our old foresail & bent it for the last time
 Lat 12-40, Long 82-47-30, Land

Tuesday 21st Nov^r
 moderate cruising trades varying between E N E & E
 at 6 A M being 150 leagues from the Continent and nothing
 encouraging to be seen about ship and stood in by the wind
 in company with the *Charlton*. saw nothing but one finback
 Lat 13-15, Long 82-41-15, Land 108 lgs
 cooper still employed repaired the liner tubs put a second head
 into each, plug'd up the holes &c & filled them with water
 coiled the lines into each boat after the Greenland fashion

Wednesday 22nd Nov^r
 light trades at E S E and S E throughout these 24 hours
 stood in by the wind under all sail by day & three topsails, 1st &
 and two staysails during night. saw nothing but two humpbacks
 and plenty of bonitors, cooper employed as usual at scraping up
 something to make room for oil
 Lat 12-34, Long 81-09, Land 75 leagues

Thursday 23rd Nov^r
 moderate S E trades and fair Peruvian whale weather
 standing in by the wind, at 10 A M saw a strange sail
 bearing E N E which proved to be a ship standing to the S W
 at 8-30 P M tack'd set Ensign colours & stood off till 4
 but as the stranger declined answering we tack'd to the E
 again, she appeared to be a large Spanish Ship Lat 12-15
 saw no kind of fish except two humpbacks Long 80-41-00

Friday 24th Nov^r
 moderate S E trades and fair throughout these 24 hours
 at 9 A M the *Charlton* made signal for two strange sail in the
 N N E q^{tr} at noon spoke and found them to be the *Jefferson*
 Capt. Brock 200 on board, and the *Perseverance* Capt. Williamson
 270 d^{rs}, 4th Moth from London, no particular news other than
 contradicting the account that I rec'd Sep^r 22 of a Spaniard
 stood on & off by the wind saw nothing in the Sea
 Lat 12-00 Long 80-07-30 Land 52 lgs

Ship Cyrus on leaving the Coast of Peru. bound to London. P. West

Saturday 25th the moderate S E trades and fair weather, standing off by the wind in E. with the Jefferson, Perseverance, & Charlton. saw no encouragement for sperm-whales at present, so concluded to head off by the wind and avoid the coast of Chili unless whale falls in any way between here & Lat 40-00 S. at 8 P.M. parted with the two first ships & continued off, in E. with my consort the Charlton.

Lat 12-16 Long 79-15 Land

Sunday 26th light wind and fair weather stood off by the wind through the 24 hours saw nothing but a shoal of B. fish, one dolphin and a few birds. the Charlton only in E. people unemployed found our new boat-board-casks to leak as bad as when first filled, the water finding its way direct through the soundest staves, which only could be prevented with prying them with pitch or some hard stuff. I was obliged to give up the idea of their containing any liquid substance whatever, and am glad that we have proved their defects before depending on them to hold water for our homeward passage.

Lat 12-45 Long 81-07-30 Land

Monday 27th moderate S E trades and fair throughout the 24 hours stood off S.W. by the wind under all sail by day and less sail at night, saw breachers, proved humpbacks saw sundry small fish, took off some of my worst sails and beat better &c - &c - &c Lat 13-27 Long 82-13-00

Tuesday 28th strong trades at S E and rugged weather, stood off by the wind under topsails &c through the day, and less sail at night, saw no fish of any kind, the Charlton in company, the colour of the sea a clear blue transported our old jib, foresail, middle-staysail, & Mizzen Top to the Charlton being unfit for any use in any other part of the Ocean except on this coast. threw over one of our deck-pots, and furnished the Charlton with several small but useful articles Lat 14-16 Long 83-26 Land 29th

Ship Cyrus from Peru bound to London, Paul West, Master

Wednesday 29th Nov^r - strong S E trades and very flawy standing off by the wind at 4 P M after furnishing the Charlton with my old flying-jibb-boat-board, boat-nails, Iron poles, some coopers tools and many other small but useful things. I took one of their boat-steerers (Jacob Samuel) who had refused doing duty, to carry him as a passenger to any Port where he can do for himself.

at 8 P M after passing blue-rope, and indeed every thing that I had which could possibly tend to the benefit of Capt. Folger's making a good voyage. I delivered my fastest rowing boat and parted (Lat 15-17 Long 84-17-15) stood off S W for St. Helena, and the Charlton stood to the End for the Coast of Peru having divided equally the oil taken in company

Thursday 30th November - brisk single reef-topail trades at S E standing off S W by the wind put on our topmast-breast-backstays and the standing backstays to the St. I. mast are very bad with several splices already in them. I had a pair fitted all ready to put on as soon as convenient. saw nothing living in, or floating on this vast Ocean at noon we missed E Lock and apprentice, and on searching for him, found he had made his escape last evening whilst passing between the two ships, and deserted (Lat 16-29 Long 85-05-00)

Friday 1st December - brisk S E trades and flawy continuing my route to the S W by the wind. saw plenty of small birds, such as pitterrels, haglets, boobies &c, but no fish of any kind, employ'd, stow'd away the water between decks securely and by arranging our cask &c in the most compact manner found room for and coiled down the cables that has been a long time upon the upper deck by the ships jumping over a swell from S W I had a full view of the copper between wind & water discovered it to be very much worn, with many small holes in it and the ends of several sheets begin^{ing} to roll aft

Lat 18-08
Long 86-01-15

Ship Goes from the Coast of Peru bound to London. P. West. Master

Saturday
December

2^d very unsteady trade winds at ESE blowing at times too strong for light sails, and then almost calm steered *Sud* by the wind employ'd at fitting slings upon the Mast-heads for the lower rig to hang too, bent the flying-jib for the first time & set it haul'd up all of our studding-sails & bent them, likewise the M^o Royal, our rigging for light sails being worn out, was oblig'd to get up new rope and cut hal-yards and tacks for studding-sails, saw nothing but the Ocean - Pacificque this forenoon (for the first time on this passage) I obtained a good Lunar Observation by which the Long was 86-43-45 Lat 19-44 Long *Peru* at the same time 86-50-30

Sunday
Dec^r

3^d first part brisk SE & E trades and at times calm making all speed *Sud* by the wind the winds being light after 8 AM turn'd too & rove a full set of new hal-yards to the Main and fore, lower rigging carpenter work in the boat - sliding-skids, runner-hook, fender &c saw nothing in or upon the Sea
Lat 21-27 Long *Peru* 87-21-30

Monday
Dec^r

4th moderate SE & E winds and fair weather throughout these 24 hours steering *Sud* by the wind at 9 AM I was upon the watch and heard a confused noise forward, I steered that way and to my surprise found the crew in the act of Mutiny, Jacob Myers being clinced with M^o Buckle, a fighting to the utmost of his Power I undertook to command peace but Myers took no notice of me other than swearing that he was as good a man as I was, I then ordered him to go aft, but he swore he would not go aft alive, I then ordered the Mates to take him aft, but he struggled against them, and got hold of an open knife threatening and trying to cleave himself with it and calling to J. Tyson and others to assist him, but M^o Forbes being behind him and holding his arms, I kept the crew off, laid hold of the knife and ordered him to deliver it but he swore he would never let go of the knife while he had life, I then took the knife out of his hand, brought him aft and put him down in the Cabin and enquired into the affair, which

Ship Cyrus from the Coast of Peru for the Continent of Chile

Dec^r 4th - Continued, Was in substance as follows, that Myers had disputed what Mr. Buckle had said to Mr. Forbes which caused Mr. Buckle to tell Myers not to make him a liar, if he did he must expect a whipping, this caused Myers to charge Mr. Buckle in the most insulting manner, to not strike him, and then plumply gave Mr. Buckle the lie Mr. Buckle then struck Myers, and Myers instantly struck and clinched Mr. Buckle fighting as before mentioned, at 6 P.M. I put Myers in Irons, in the Run
Lat 22-57 Long 87-51-15

Tuesday 5th
Dec^r 5th - Light winds varying about the Eastern quarter and calm heading S.W. by the wind, the sea being very smooth we rig'd a stage under the cutwater, took out the filling pieces between the head-checks and searched for a leak that is now above water, but did not find it found the gammoning of the bowsprit had loosened a part of the cutwater which we could not properly fasten, but to serve for a passage we secured it with thick Iron hoops, so ends with a dead calm
Lat 23-50 Long 88-52-45

Wednesday 6th
Dec^r 6th - continues calm until 6 P.M. and the sea very smooth opened the filling of the under side of the Larboard-shoulder check of the head and found the skum in the whoodings quite decayed and of course leaky, but the water continually washing up prevented caulking it properly, so we stuffed the place full of skum and battened it tolerable secure, gammoned the bowsprit, took off all temporary materials about the cutwater, and secured all about the bows as well as possible unrig'd the wheel (that we have steered with) and ship'd the tiller, finding it better (for steering steady) than the wheel, put on a pair of new T. T. M. Backstays and set up all stays to the bowsprit & foretopmast.
Lat 24-00 Long 88-54 at 6 P.M. a squall at Sea rain

Ship Cyrus from the Coast of Peru for the Continent of Chile. W. West

Thursday 7th Dec^r strong winds at E S E and a very high short swell from S S W steered South close on a wind through the 2^d Lines shifted the M^o topsails rope a full set of buntlines to the topsail fore and aft and prepared to encounter bad weather Lat 25-24 Long 89-39-15 latter part squally under two reefs

Friday 8th Dec^r strong Easterly winds and squally weather standing South by the wind under single and double reefs against a high short sea from the S S W into which the Ship plunged heavily on account of her being so very deep, and made some water set the J G sails between squalls which observed to split the 2^d Fore J G sail sent it down repair'd and sent it up again carried away the upper slings of the fore yard, jib-pendants and marlingale fitted new pendants &c as necessary repair'd the M^o topsail thoroughly with new cloth, so ends with weather too rugged for whaling Lat 27-23 Long 90-14-00

Saturday 9th Dec^r strong Easterly winds and squally steering South, repair'd the upper slings to the foreyard, found the lower d^e stranded, fitted new in the place, latter part more moderate made sail occasionally, winds inclining S E by Lat 29-37 Long 90-57

Sunday 10th Dec^r continues brisk winds at S E with light squalls standing South by the wind at 9 AM took the Irons off J. Myers whilst he washed himself and changed his clothing then put him in Irons and secured him in the run as before during that time I conceived it prudent for my officers to be on their usual guard, as well as myself with a drawn sword in hand, having too much reason to suspect ^{mischievous} the crew middle and latter part light winds at E S E, at 3 PM I obtained the Longitude by lunar observation and found to agree nearly with Longitude of Chronometer, as follows
Lat at noon ————— 31-19

Long at 3 PM by Lunar observation — 91-21-15

Long at 3 PM by Chronometer — 91-36-45

Ship comes from the Coast of Peru for the Continent of Chili

Monday 11th Dec^r light winds varying about the Eⁿ quarter and at times calm standing ^{by} the wind, the swell very high and irregular caused the Ship to thrash our old sails more to pieces, than two months of Peruvian-wave hath a new T. Gallant-sail, best Mizⁿ Top-sail, and an old M. T. G. sail repaired old sails, refitted strops &c saw nothing Lat 32-38 Long ^W 92-09-30

Tuesday 12th Dec^r light & E. by air & calm set studding-sails fore & aft and royal. From the disagreeable state of my crew since the Mutinous attempt of Jacob Myers, I find it would be very improper to continue my course towards Cape Horn in my present state, therefore concluded to steer for the Continent and make such alteration as may seem best for the accomplishment of the Voyage, accordingly steered S. E. by E with winds light & variable I find it highly necessary to continue keeping the deck myself half of the night, with loaded Pistols, and a sharp cut-throat at the hands of my Officers as well as myself. repaired sails, &c. as necessary Lat 33-19 Long ^W 91-45-45

Wednesday 13th Dec^r the first part light variable winds and fair steered S. E. by E latter part strong S. E. by winds and squally that reduced us to double reef'd topsails stood to the Eⁿ by the wind employ'd occasionally put on the Main spring-stay &c Lat 33-32 Long ^W 90-31-00

Thursday 14th Dec^r at 6 A. M. winds at E. S. E. about ship and stood ^{by} the wind all the remaining part, having very light S. E. by winds shifted and repaired sails, fitted a Mizⁿ T. M. stay and put it on, Carpenter at caulking as usual all round the quarters saw nothing but an old inhabitant of the cold southern elements

Lat 33-33 Long ^W Lunar 89-18-15 (an altitrop.) unrigged the waist-boat as highly necessary at 5 P. M. civil at I got an Alt. with D. O. W. J. her, and at 9 got another Alt. with D. & X aldebaran C. of her, the Alt. agreeing very near I give the Mean of the two in the margin which cannot be far from the truth

Ship Cyrus from the Coast of Peru for the Continent of Chili. P. West

Friday Dec ^r	15 th light contrary winds and calm most of these 24 hours plying to the S E until 2 P M took a light W by wind and steered S E M E, set Royal and studding sails as necessary shifted the Foretop sails, repaired old sails, fitted rigging, caulked part of the upper works &c. losing no time without employment saw nothing Lat 34-00 Long { P Lunar - heavy weather P Chron 88-55
Saturday Dec ^r	16 th fresh winds at South and squally most of these 24 hours steered E S E by the wind with M J & S set over single reef the sea too rugged to require a look out aloft, and too much water passing over the decks to admit of doing any duty Lat 34-25 Long { P Chron 87-46-30
Sunday Dec ^r	17 th strong breezes and squalls from the NW by E but not so heavy but we set light sails, which, (they being too much in haste for a short passage) only served to carry away the J. S. Ward, near the end, at 10 A M released Jacob Myers whilst he washed himself and changed his clothing, then confined him as before, at 2 P M carried away the lower wing boom, at 3 winds breezing, shortened sail to single reef, latter part heavy (Chilian squalls took in sail occasionally, having a very high short sea on, it broke in upon deck from stem to stern, the ship labouring very much made more water than ever before
Monday Dec ^r	18 th fresh winds at SW and squally middle and latter part left wind but an ugly cross swell on, thought best to reduce and top weight, so broke down the try works and as the jibs were all very old and rough, threw them all overboard, reserving the brass-locks complete, stowed the copper coolers in the fore- hatchway and after clearing the M ^d deck, took all spare- spars from the stern and quarters and secured them on the middle of the upper deck, which appeared to ease the ship considerably, winds moderating and hauling West by N made more sail as necessary, saw nothing about us Lat 36-45 Long { P Chron 82-47-00

Ship comes from the Coast of Peru for the Continent of Chili - West

Tuesday 19th Dec^r light W. by winds and an ugly cross swell on, steered E. by S. & set light sail, at noon finding my Lat 37.00 steered East found the colour of water changed from blue to a greenish cast employ'd repair'd sails &c as necessary Lat 37.00 Long 77.51.04

Wednesday 20th Dec^r fresh W. by winds and a high short swell still from the S.W. steering East, with every light sail set, at 9 A.M. we found a famous shoal of sperm. whales along-side of us but for good and sufficient reasons we past by them without taking any more notice than to see what a fair prospect there would have been for a good fare of oil, if I was now situated as I was not long ago latter part equally with the winds hauling Southerly took in all light sails and double reef'd the topsails shifted our jibbooms, put on the best for foul weather rig'd our fore, spring-stay reefed the standing forestay &c repair'd sails, made a S.W. by S. boom, saw kelp & birds Lat 37.10 Long 77.47

Thursday 21st Dec^r fresh Southerly winds and fair steered E. by S. till 2 A.M. then East and made all sail, at 9 A.M. saw the high land of Chili just to windward of Arica in Lat 37.25 bearing E. by N. distance 18 or 20 leagues, steered E. by N. E. at noon by three different Observations our Lat was 37.30 the near land at 6 or 7 leagues and St. Mary's Is. N. E. of Compass not in sight till 2 P.M. having a brisk wind and very clear weather, at 3 P.M. saw and spoke Brig L. Volunteer. Milford 10-05-12000 skins bound to England, Capt. Bunker told of two Spanish vessels lying at St. Mary's Is. &c &c &c as were too late to reach anchorage before night I laid off and on by the wind all the latter part the Island of St. Mary's in sight N. E. end of us, at 3

Lat 37.04 S Long 75.38 W

Ship Cygnus's arrival at St. Mary's Island — Paul West — Master

Friday
Dec^r

22^d with light S by winds and fair weather we laid off and on to the S W of St. Mary's Is., at 4 A M headed round the N W point and passing within $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile of the reef had a full view of it. It lies from the centre of the Island N W $\frac{1}{2}$ (compass) at between two, and three miles from the surf that breaks on the craggy N W point. saw a Ship and a brig at anchor in the North bay, they got under way and bore down upon us in warlike style, spoke and boarded us, then taking the winds from at South we ply'd up and came to an anchor ~~off~~ ⁱⁿ water the E point bearing S E, the North point N 32 W and nearest shore (being the high land) S S W $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile distance found the Ship to be the same Spanish Hero that overhauled us at the Galapagos Is. in June 1807, and the Brig to be the Fletcher of Lima (formerly the Dart of London) so after paying my respects to Don Capt. Juan Antonio Gonzales of this Hero, and Don, Commodore, Thomas — of the the Fletcher, and being treated with the greatest civility, I began to search the bows, and scrub the hands all round, as necessary they took Jacob Myers on board the Hero without my request.

Saturday
Dec^r

23^d very strong S westerly winds and fair, found a fine run of water from the side of the hill abreast of the ship took all of ^{four} empty cask on shore and in one hour filled them (21 Bbls) Carpenter opened the bows and found a leak in the whodding room took all incumbrance from the seams, and began to caulk. Some hands on shore, others busily employ'd, when Don Thomas took my boat that was on shore and having another of my boats along side of his brig, his crew rushed into both of them as many as could possibly crowd into each, and boarded the Cygnus as if she had been a good prize to him; and without regard to the search of June 1st 1807, he pried open the latches got, latched up fore and aft and broke up as much of our cargo as the deck would receive, without the least appearance of satisfaction at sunset they set all stand, pretending that it was from the information of my own crew, he examined my Log-book to no purpose at noon a strange sail anchored in the South bay, the Hero got under way and went out to surround her, by such treatment from Don Thomas I was oblig'd stop my own duty, and attend to him.

Ship Cyrus at, and leaving St. Mary's Is. for London. P. West, Master

Sunday 24th Dec^r (Alo) until sunrise with the Cyrus in a pretty condition indeed to encounter a bad change of weather, with all of our hatchways open and part of the Cargo upon deck; at 6 A.M. the Commodore thought proper to stop breaking out the Cargo and took his crew on board of his brig. As for myself, I was glad to be clear of his Men, and have no worse to perform than to turn my Men on, and stow down the oil that they had taken up which took up the whole of this day the Ship that anchored yesterday in the S. Bay proves to be the Sam^t. Cap^t. J. Swain 185th, ends with a gale at 11 P.M.

Monday 25th Dec^r very strong southerly winds and fair clear weather being under the lee of St. Mary's, the wind too strong to admit of caulking the whoodings of the hends, so caulked about the fore chains &c where appeared to require it most sent down the Fore and Mizgⁿ. T. G. yards and Masts, and shifted the Mizgⁿ. T. G. Masts, set up Fore and Mainstays Topmast-stays &c, landed one boat got a few eggs and very small apples and pears, mint, peppermint &c &c At 11 A.M. the Spanish ship Hero anchored along side of us at 4 P.M. gave out the whole of our cable on a c^t of the winds blowing very hard indeed

Tuesday 26th Dec^r strong southerly winds throughout these 24 hours. at 5 A.M. unmoored and after giving Don Thomas — of the Fletcher an account of Jacob Myers, I gave the said Myers all his clothing, Chest, bed, and all that he had before Dec^r 15th then took our anchor ply'd up between the Is^{le} & Continent. Join'd the Samuel that had weighed in S. Bay and stood out of the South passage in company at 8 P.M. St. Mary's bore N 65 E 4 leagues distance having got about 25 M^{ls} of water, plenty of mint, a few eggs, and but very few green apples, and pears, with My crew in a much better state to pass (Thorn, than before so that I regulated a Larboard & Starboard Watch to keep the deck as is customary.

37.03 S

74.00 W

Ship Cyrus from Peru for London

Paul West Master

Wednesday 27th strong double reef-top sail breezes and squally at S E standing
 Dec^m S W by the wind in E with the same till 8 A M Capt. P^r
 sent his letters on board & then steered N N E, & continued off
 by the wind which increased so that at noon we were reduced
 to a close reefed Mⁿ I sail and Fore, Main, and Mofⁿ stay sails.
 coiled both cables from the upper down on the lower deck
 secured our guns, took in the waist-boat &c as necessary
 Lat 37.06 Long 75.15.00 Long 75.15.00

Thursday 28th very strong gales at S E laying hove too under the above sail
 Dec^m headed S W by the wind found the ship to lay too very well considering
 the log-loaded state that she is in, and to assist her in every
 respect that is possible we reduced all top-lamper, moved
 our guns to the best advantage, and stowed everything snug
 at 4 P M a little more moderate, set a close reef fore
 topsail, but at 11 was oblig'd to furl it again, winds at S E
 Lat 36.47 Long 76.02.15 Long 75.57

Friday 29th continues strong Southerly winds and flying hazy clouds
 Dec^m at 6 A M set close reefed Foretop sail at noon made a little
 more sail, but by 9 P M could not carry it - took it in
 the weather too rugged to admit of duty being done
 Lat 36.47 Long 77.11 Long 77.05

Saturday 30th continues strong Southerly winds with lowry weather, under
 Dec^m close-reef'd topsails, sent down the S S Gⁿ repaired it
 and sent it up again, at noon winds more moderate
 made sail accordingly still headed S W by the wind
 Lat 37.03 Long 77.32 Long 77.32

Sunday 31st first part winds and weather continued as before at 8 A M
 Dec^m winds veering to South about ship, and stood to the E S E
 all the remaining part of this Year under single reef-top sails
 winds variable between S W E and S W S with misty weather
 stowed our Anchors abaft the windlass dismounted all of our
 Cannon and stowed them securely on the upper deck (for the want
 of a place below) abreast of the Mⁿ Mast, and lashed our casks
 of water to the best advantage. so ends the Year 1809
 with a full cargo of Oil on board, bound to London with speed
 Lat ~ 37.35 Long 77.32 Long 77.32

Ship Cyrus from the Coast of Peru, for London, Paul West. Master.

Monday 1st This Year begins with strong winds varying between S.W. and S.E. stood E.S.E. close by the wind until 8 A.M. then about ship and stood S.W. the remaining part of the day with winds moderating, made but dull progress for St. Helena Lat 38-05 Long 78-21-00 Long 78-12

Tuesday 2nd light southerly winds and calm headed S.W. by the wind after 6 P.M. light Easterly airs entered South, the sea very smooth and weather fair unbent the Mainsail and bent a new one, took off our large and put on our small Mizzen-stay-sail rig in the spritsail-yard &c &c &c occasionally Lat 38-16 Long 79-14 Long 78-53

Wednesday 3rd light variable airs and calm, headed S.W. without any steerage-way most of the time, employed took in our boats and scrubbed them on the quarters fited new Topsail-tyes of our old-falls &c as necessary, from daylight till sunset we lay in a thick calm Ocean and did not move so far as to lose sight of a ship with a feather stuck into it and put into the water by one of the boys, neither was there so much motion to the sea as to overset the ship which appeared top-heavy at 8 P.M. after no long calm and contrary winds, a breeze sprang up directly ahead as possible, stood E.S.E. by the wind Lat 38-27 Long 79-42-45 Long 78-53

Thursday 4th moderate southerly winds and fair weather, at 8 A.M. about ship to the S.W. at noon about to the E. winds moderate but truly contrary, at 6 P.M. about again to the S.W. Lat 38-43 Long 79-52-15 Long 78-08

Friday 5th brisk single reef breezes at S.E. S.W. to S.W. and fair stood S.W. till 9 P.M. then with light winds at South, about ship to the E.S.E. the latter part, no sign of better winds Lat 39-44 Long 79-58-00 Long 79-09-00

Saturday 6th light southerly winds and fair weather until noon, when nearly calm the air inclined Westerly and as something new enabled us to head S.E. but the constant S.W. swell held the ship nearly stationary, at 11 P.M. calm as usual whenever the wind is not southerly, the most of the crew troubled with a bad cold, & some fever Lat 40-13 Long 80-00 Long 78-58

Ship Cyrus from the Coast of Peru for London - Paul Host Master

Sunday 7th light & W^{ly} airs & calm till 3 A.M. headed S.E. but making very slow way for (Storm); then took the wind in its usual southerly point and headed E.S.E. by the wind until 1 P.M. wind at S.E. about ship to S.W. by the wind at 11 P.M. calm, & smooth sea
Lat 41-10 Long ϕ Ch^m 79-17-45 Long ϕ W^m 78-27

Monday 8th calm, with a very smooth surface to the sea, its colour very green and during night many shoals of fish to be seen, but nothing in the daytime, at 7 A.M. took a light air at W.N.W. steered S.E. & set studding sails fore & aft, below & aloft, at 1 P.M. light airs at S.W. trim'd by the wind again, 6 P.M. at 4 calm & remain'd stationary all the latter part
Lat 41-34 Long ϕ Ch^m 79-39-00 Long ϕ W^m 78-46

Tuesday 9th very light variable airs and calm, with a smooth swell the ship laying so still as to admit of getting the draughts of water as exact as at many places of good anchorage found our hold-water a little oily, so wetted our cargo of 1700 at 9 A.M. light wind at W.N.W. steered S.E. set all light sails, at 2 P.M. saw a strange sail N.W. of us, it proved to be a brig steering N.N.E. at 4 calm, at 8 took a light S.W. wind, headed S.W. the remaining part employ'd, as necessary, rip'd an old mainsail apart, set up stays
Lat 41-58 Long ϕ Ch^m Long ϕ W^m 78-30

Wednesday 10th light southerly winds and lowry weather continued standing S.W. by the wind through the 24 hours, after 3 P.M. the weather remained very clear, so that I took two correct Lunar observations, one with the Sun West of the Moon, the other with Star Aldebaran East of the Moon, each set comprising five sights gave the Longitude as follows with Moon and Sun at 3 P.M. the Longitude - 79-17-15 at the same time ϕ Ch^m the Longitude - 80-19-00 at 9 P.M. after increasing the Long about 20; I took Aldebaran with the Moon, & found the Long } - 79-38-00 the Moon by a Mer Alt., the } Latitudes } - 79-00-00 the Longitude resulting from the above observations agreeing so very near, that it seems almost impossible for an error to exist, yet all is not sufficient to enable me to make a speedy passage

Ship comes from the Coast of Peru for London Paul West Master

Thursday 11th Jan^y light southerly winds and hazy weather standing till noon then it fell calm rig'd in the jibboom and fitted the Iron-traveller, at 6 P.M. light wind at S.W.B.W. steer'd S.B.E. all sail set by the wind.
Lat 43-00 Long 79-58

Friday 12th Jan^y brisk wholesail breezes at W.W. and West steering S.B.E. all the fore part, middle part winds variable between W.S.W. and S.S.W. took in and set studding sails occasly the sea continuing smooth, latter part brisk wind at W.S.W. and misty weather steer'd S.W. by the wind, water very blue
Lat 44-36 Long 79-58

Saturday 13th Jan^y fresh wholesail breezes at West a dark weather, steer'd S.B.E. which continued throughout the 24 hours, except some little varying between W and W.S.W. trim'd occasly middle & latter part, a high cross sea on, that broke in upon all parts, & caused the Ship to make water
Lat 47-08 Long 79-34

Sunday 14th Jan^y Commences, fresh wind at W.N.W. and dirty weather shorten'd sail to double reef & stay sails, steer'd S.B.E. at 3 A.M. wind at S.S.W. in fore sail, at 4 more moderate made more sail, at 6 wind at W.B.S. steer'd S.B.E. against an ugly cross sea that caused me to wish the Figure head had never been put on middle part brisk wind at W.B.S. at 6 calm with a very high short swell from W.S.W. the Ship very uneasy
Lat 49-57 Long 79-34

Monday 15th Jan^y calm till 2 A.M. with heavy rain and cold win. took a squall at S.S.W. headed W.W. under stay sails &c at 3 moderate with wind at S.W. headed S.B.E. and set close reef to sails at noon made more sail wind at N.W. steer'd S.B.E. with as much wind as we could carry close reef &c in and very squally, a high cross sea on that broke over all parts of the ship and run aft to the rudder head washing all before it
Lat 50-57 Long 79-56

Ship comes from the Coast of Peru for London. Paul West Master

Tuesday
Jan^y

16th - strong gales at West to WSW with very heavy squalls and a high cross sea on steering SE carrying sometimes close reefed T^m and M^m topsails. Foresail and stay sails, and then again M^m T^m sail & foresail only, the Ship very much under water indeed at noon finding the Lat & Long as under, and having the N^W Coast of Terra del Fuogo open to my route, I made the wind two points fairer by steering SE, made more sail the squalls not so heavy but we carried double reefed topsails at 6 PM made more sail, wind between WNW and WSW
Lat 53-38 Long ϕ Chr^m 80-45-30 Long ϕ W^m 79-01

Wednesday 17
Jan^y

fresh winds varying between SW and West with a high & swell on, and a few remains of squalls, at 8 steady brisk winds at West and fair weather, set all sail studdingsails fore & aft below and aloft which we carried during daylight at 9 PM fresher winds and hazy at West, steered SE till noon, afterwards East for the latter part at 10 PM in all light sails and took one reef in each topsail
Lat 55-55 Long ϕ Chr^m 78-10-15 Long ϕ W^m 76-23

Thursday 18
Jan^y

fresh winds at WNW to WWS and squally steering E at 6 AM move moderate steered ENE & made more sail at noon finding my Lat as expected continued steering ENE making an East course all the latter part, carried studdingsails on both sides, fore and aft, below & aloft with brisk winds at WWS and very fair Cape Horn weather at 9 PM my Long ϕ Lunar W^m being nearly out, and night at hand, took in all studdingsails and continued my course saw nothing in or upon the water indicating the vicinity of Land
Lat 56-40 Long ϕ Chr^m 72-52 Long ϕ W^m 71-10-00

Friday
Jan^y

19th - continues brisk winds at WWS and tolerable clear weather steering ENE at 2 AM made more sail, at 2-30 saw Diego Ramirez bearing N 50° E Dist 8 leagues at 5 they bore N N W 3 leagues, then steered N E & E having almost continual flights of mist, at Noon the air cleared and exposed Cape Horn to our full view, bearing ϕ Compass

Ship Cyrus from Peru, passing Cape Horn for London. J. West

Jan^y 19th
Continued -

at 8 P.M.
Cape Horn W 25 N

69.00.30

N 22 W and when the Sun was on the Meridian I observed both sun and C. Horn in one through my Sextant found my correct Latitude 56-28. Long as Cape Horn 67-20 afternoon light wind at NNW steered NE. at 3 calm, at 4 light wind at NN E took in all studding sails, stood on by the wind, at 6 saw a strange sail NN E of us, at 11 spoke and found it Ship Charles, Capt. D. Baxter 70 days from M. Haven, 80 on board, no particular news respecting the times in Europe

Saturday 20th
Jan^y

light winds varying upon all points of the compass, and at times drizzly thick weather with a high swell from the SW likewise a swell from the NN E meeting without wind caused the ship to labour considerably, saw nothing, steered NE Lat 56-26 Long 67-12.00.00 Long 68-54

Sunday 21st
Jan^y

light Westerly airs and a steady swell from the SW. Tacking along NE with side studding sails set most of the 21st the weather thick saw nothing till noon, when it cleared and exposed Staten Islands rugged tops to our view, Cape St. John bearing North and the W point of the Island N 50 W and by my observed Lat (which was correct) I was 43 miles S.W. of C. St. John, at the same time saw the land of Terra del Fuogo about C. Good Success bearing NNW at 2 P.M. saw a large sperm whale within a mile of us, lay nearly still and spout 60 times with that regularly peculiar to such fish as are worth above half a thousand guineas by the Land I found a SW current of at least 1 knot at 9 took a breeze at NNW steered NE Lat 55-36 Long 68-26-15 Long 69-55

Monday 22nd
Jan^y

brisk wind at NNW until 4 A.M. steered NE, all the middle part we had light variable airs & calm crossed many tide rips which seemed to kill what little wind there was at noon Cape St. John in sight W 10 N, Distance 50 miles afternoon thick weather at 3 P.M. brisk wind at NW steered NE made and took in sail occasionally having had the wind upon every point of the compass in the course of the day Lat 55-13 Long 69-12.00.00 Long 70-27

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Ship Cyrus from Cape Horn for St. Helena Paul Host. Master

- Tuesday 23rd Jan^y first part brisk wind at N.W. and round W by to S.W. then N.E. middle; moderate winds at S.E. & thick weather latter part wind at S.W. made and took in sail occasionally having got out of the tide-rips of Staten Island, plenty of fowls and penguins about us likewise a few right whales, and finbacks. steered N.E. throughout
Lat 54-28 Long 59-49-15 Long 60-59-48
- Wednesday 24th Jan^y gentle breezes between S.W. and N.W. with fair but cold weather steering N.E. with all sail set latter part strong winds at N.N.W. and N.W. with rainy dirty weather that reduced us to double reef'd topsails, a cross sea breaking in upon all the Main-deck nothing seen but a few F. I. fowls
Lat 53-35 Long 60-56-23 Long 61-56-42
- Thursday 25th Jan^y Commenced strong N.W. winds with heavy rain steering N.E. at 5 A.M. calm dirty weather with a high short sea on that broke over our decks as if the Cyrus had been water-bogged at 7 moderate winds at W.S.W. at 8 wind at S.W. set studdingsails on both sides, found the Ship to Labour considerably and make some water, at 8 P.M. strong gales at S.W. began to shorten sail, at 8 heavy gales running under (double reef'd topsails & foresail at 5 the sea run very high) and boarded the ship over the quarter and severely against the deadlights, winds very heavy shortened sail to foresail only down M^{rs} S. G. By the Ship inclining to broach too, the Foretopmast staysail took full and split all to pieces at 8 tremendous heavy gales and sea so high and irregular that it literally swallowed the Ship from stem to stern, so that the Man at helm stood in two feet water on a level found it indispensably necessary to try to make better weather by heaving the Ship too, which at 8 after furling all sail we did under a small Main-staysail, and lay all the latter part in the most uneasy position on account of the Ship being so very deep loaded, keeping her lee gunnel and deadlights under water 7th of the time, kept the pump in almost constant motion all the latter part, set the M^{rs} S. G. but was obliged to take it in again, the Gale unceasing at S.W. headed Wind against the swell Lat 52-44 Long 62-47

Ship Cyrus from Cape Horn, for St. Helena, Paul West

Friday 26th Jan^y Commences heavy Gales at SSW, at 3 AM it began to abate, at 4 having a more regular sea, got the ship before the wind under a foresail, at 5 set close reefed Mⁿ topsail the winds flagging very fast and weather moderating kept making sail and by noon had studding sails set with moderate wind at SSW, afternoon fresh wind, at West continued steering S^W E throughout the 24 hours took in sail occasionally

Lat 51-15 Long W^{Ch} 50-29-15 Long P^W 50-32

Saturday 27th Jan^y Commences brisk W^{ly} winds inclining N^{ly} with rain at 6 AM wind at NNE headed E and at 9 took the wind very strong at WNW took in sail accordingly steered N^W E, at noon the wind blew a very heavy gale that reduced us to close reefed Mⁿ topsail, and foresail at 1 PM the sea ran so high that it boarded the ship on every part abate the foremast, and the squalls of wind at about 2 PM so very heavy that we were oblig'd to reduce to a foresail only, and keep right before the rage (about ESE) to make the best weather of it, having reduced our topmasts (as Mⁿ G^l &c) as much as possible at 4, just as the sea had gained a little regularity, the wind shifted in a squall to SSW and blew too hard for canvas to have stood on a ship by the wind, which caused a very irregular sea that again swallowed us up, but we kept before it in the best manner possible till 8 PM when the violence of the gale abated and enabled us to add a close reefed Mⁿ topsail to the foresail under which we stood with care all the latter part found the ship to work and make water, being too heavily loaded to encounter such tremendous weather

Lat 50-00 Long W^{Ch} 50-26-00 Long P^W 50-26-00

Ship comes from Cape Horn for St Helena. Paul West Master

Sunday
January

28th strong gales at SW and a remarkable high sea throughout there 24 hours steering NE under close reef fore and maintopails and foresail, the sea running tolerable regular it did not break over the stern although frequently against it and almost continually rolled in on both sides the mainmast, and run bodily aft washing round the rudder case, and obliging us to keep the skylight covered the gale continued with open cloudy weather with heavy gusts resembling accounts of hurricane more than a gale of wind the ship so very deep that I was frequently on the point of heaving too, yet as the sea was regular I could hardly expect to lay too better than to run, so continued NE
Lat 43-26 Long P^h 43-02-30 Long G^W 42-26

Monday
January

Nov 9-10
E. 4

29 strong gales veering from SW to WNW with heavy rain running NE NE and ENE before the sea under close reef topsails, at 8 winds too heavy, in foretopail, at 10 very heavy squalls of rain, at noon more moderate, at 2 PM set J. P. L. at 3 so moderate that scarce one sea in a dozen broke in upon deck, at 4 made more sail, winds flagging, at 6 but gentle breeze at West hauled up NE again, saw nothing but a few seals and the very rugged surface of the dreary South-Atlantic Ocean
Lat 47-00 Long P^h 39-26-15 Long G^W 38-31-00

Tuesday
January

30th moderate winds between West and NW steering NE on a very uneven sea, at 7 AM calm with all sail to dry, at 9 moderate wind at WNW steered NE saw more seals than many many sea hens and much fresh kelp and finbacks & porpoises at 10 PM very strong close reef breezes at W and dark hail squalls and heart Peps Island exists as P^h H. Moores Chart, I took in sail and hoove too for daylight, laying S^W & N^W by the wind direct on the Lat and Long of that Is as P^h Moores Chart
Lat 46-07 Long P^h 36-42-30 Long G^W 36-17

Wednesday
January

Nov 5-18
E. 4

31 strong winds at West and heavy squalls of hail, at 4 AM seeing nothing steered NE & made more sail and continued throughout there 24 hours, afternoon steered NE NE, took a Lunar OBS which gave the Longitude the same with the Chronometer
Lat 44-52 Long P^h 34-20-30 Long G^W 33-55

Ship Cyrus from Cape Horn for St. Helena Paul West Master

Thursday 1st Feb^y This month begins with strong gales at N W and equally with a high rolling sea on that kept constantly breaking in and washing the deck from the bowsprit round aloft the rudder-case and coming into the cabin at the skylight steering N E B E middle part more moderate latter part moderate winds and some flights of rain set four studding sails on the M^{ast} mast, wind being right aft saw several right whales in the course of the day
Lat 43-22 Long 11th 30-29 Long 11th 30-15

Thursday 2nd Feb^y brisk winds varying from N W to N N W and back to N W steering N E B E till 8 A. M. then E N E with all light sail set, at noon winds increasing by 3 P. M. reduced us to close reef M^{ast} sail & foresail weather dirty the sea making its usual road over our decks
Lat 42-09 Long 11th 27-11

Friday 3rd Feb^y winds and weather moderating, at 4 A. M. began to make sail and by 7 had all sail set with brisk wind at N N W steering E N E which continued with thick, and at times foggy weather until 9 P. M. the winds increasing reduced us to double reefs, and as something singular the sea arose so high and irregular all at once that it broke heavily on board, and the ship frequently laid her whole broad-side rails and all under water, and took so much on board as to cover every hatchway and wash from stern to stern
Lat 41-10 Long 11th 24-17-15 Long 11th 23-23

Sunday 5th Feb^y winds moderating began to make sail at 3 A. M. and by 6 had nearly all sail set steering E N E with brisk winds at N N W and thick foggy weather at 8 set all sail and continued with fair smooth sea that seldom broke in upon deck, at 8 P. M. light wind, and foggy latter part light westerly wind, steered E N E with all sail set on both sides, caught a porpoise, saw nothing else
Lat 40-06 Long 11th 19-52

Ship Cyrus from Cape Horn for St Helena - W. West Master

Monday
Feb 5th

5th brisk N Westerly winds and clear steering ENE with all foul-weather sail set as studding sails & staysails fore and aft. at 8 A.M. thick misty weather sent aloft the fore and Miz. Top 9th Mast, and bent the 1st sails. winds very fresh could not set them. after 6 A.M. the weather so thick as to hide Sun, Moon, & Stars. throughout
Lat 38-40 Long 40th W. No Obs Long 41th W. 17-03-00

Tuesday
Feb 6th

6th fresh Westerly winds and very thick dirty weather steering ENE till 4 A.M. then ENE till noon. finding the ship to the Nrd of Lat 37th W. steered ESE all the latter part saw many flying fish and large albatrosses together being a new sight. employ'd shifted the jibbooms put on the double boom opened our Main-hatches (for the first time) and got up all the rails for cloths round our bulwark. fitted the stanchions &c as necessary. Lat 37-10 Long 45th W. 13-45-00 Long 46th W. 13-15

Wednesday
Feb 7th

7th moderate breezes at WNW and thick weather steering ESE at 2 A.M. being nearly in Long of Tristan-de-Cunha Island bore too till daylight, seeing nothing. steered ESE again under all sail the Southern and SW quarters remaining very thick and misty so that we could not see a mile in that direction, although every other part of the Horizon was sufficiently clear to allow land to be seen at 10 or 15 leagues distance. past abundance of kelp, fresh and had gulls and other shore birds about us.

At 6 A.M. by my Lat 37th W. and Long 46th W. I found the ship to be NE 6 miles from the situation that Tristan Is. is laid down in. but no land in sight. at 7-30 A.M. a heavy cloud settled in the SW quarter and exposed to our view the lofty summit of Tristan-de-Cunha Island, bearing W 18 S. - 10 leagues which must have been within three miles of us. at 2 A.M. on hearing the winds moderate at NW steered ENE bent several additional light sails and set them. employ'd at making cloths for waists & head. at 3 and 4 P.M. took two good Lunar observations which gave the Long agreeable to Tristan Is. found the Chronometer very correct
Lat 36-41 Long 48th W. at noon as usual 10-31-15 Long 49th W. 10-30

Tristan de Cunha
41-00 Westerly

Tristan de Cunha
41-00 W. in Long 9-40

Ship Cyrus from Cape Horn for St Helena - W. West, Master

Thursday 8th Feb^y - brisk breezes at North and NNE standing to the End close by the wind throughout these 24 hours with all light sail set, employ'd at making waist-clothes, carpenter at putting up the bulwark, preparing paints for use &c
Lat 35-35 Long Chron^m 7-31-15 Long G^W 7-53

Friday 9th Feb^y - gentle NNE breezes and remarkable moist although clear W^{ind} stood to the End close by the wind throughout these 24 hours employ'd, put up the rails to hold clothes above the bulwark, unstowed the boats from their End Horn q^{rs} and placed each of the 4 boats in their old places on the cranes, unrigged the Yard at the stern and took it in, scraped the upper works outside &c saw nothing but an albacore At 3 P.M. I took a Lunar observation with the Moon and Sun West of her, and at 3 P.M. took another with the Moon and Star Aldibaran East of her which gave the Longitude as follows
with the Moon and Sun - - - } Longitude { 5-12-15
at the same time with Chronometer } 5-06-15
with the Moon and Aldibaran - } 5-23-30
Latitude at noon as usual 34-48

Saturday 10th Feb^y - light winds at North standing ENE close by the wind until 4 P.M. at 5 light winds at NNE and equally steered NNE at 9 a squall hauled the wind into the Southern quarter where it continued throughout the 24 hours employ'd as usual at refitting our castle
Lat 33-53 Long Chron^m No Obs Long G^W 4-16-00

Sunday 11th Feb^y - fresh southerly winds and light squalls steered NNE Latter part very unsteady winds generally between the SW quarter and Eastern quarter, changing as well in strength, as point of compass with almost constant rain; in a squall, carried away a Foretop-studding-sail-boom during the fore part the weather appeared trade-like, but at the end of the 24 hours it not only appeared calm and baffling but was
Lat 31-35 Long Chron^m No Obs Long G^W 4-07-00

Ship Cyrus from Cape Horn for St. Helena. Paul West, Master

Monday February	12 th	<p>Commences profound calm laying stumbling about in a short swell from the S.W. and rainy weather. at 2 A.M. took a strong breeze in a squall from the S.W. to which we trimmed our reduced sails and steered N 16 E the winds varying about the Southern and S.E. quarters with almost constant rain through the day, all hands employ'd at scraping all the inside work of the sides, stern, bows, gangways, masts, combings, the gun-carriages, and guns, and washing all clean for painting. Then mounted all of the great guns, and hoisted them. Carpenter at fitting up the bulwark, and filling up the head, some hands at waist-cloths, &c</p> <p>Lat. $28^{\circ} 56'$ Long $170^{\circ} 10'$ No. 18 Lat. $28^{\circ} 00'$</p>
Tuesday Feb ^y Wind 15-00 W	13 th	<p>Brisk winds varying between the E.N.E. and Southern q^{rs} with frequent squalls of rain and intervals of calm steering N 17 E with all sail set, as studding sails & Royals fore & aft the weather too dirty for ord^y duty, cleared the main deck, unstowed the anchors and hove them out to their places on the bows carpenter at repairing the bulwark &c as necessary, no Lunar</p> <p>Lat $26^{\circ} 44'$ Long $170^{\circ} 15'$ Long $171^{\circ} 00'$</p>
Wednesday Feb ^y Wind 15-21 W	14 th	<p>gentle trade-like breezes (and as something new) dry weather steering N 18 E all the fore part. latter part light winds at E.N.E. kept by the wind with studding sails & royals set employ'd painting the Masts, put on the waists & q^r cloths fitted the guns in their places &c &c</p> <p>at 8-50 P.M. took two Lunar observations, with Aldebaran West and Regulus East of the Moon, the Mean of the two gave the Longitude $3^{\circ} 18' 52''$ Long $171^{\circ} 38' 0''$</p> <p>Lat at noon $24^{\circ} 22'$ Long $172^{\circ} 00'$</p>
Thursday Feb ^y	15 th	<p>light winds between E. and S and fair weather steering N 16 E employ'd at painting the outside of the ship took a spring-topmast cut it in proper lengths for and begun to make artificial guns to fill every vacant port</p> <p>at 8-30 P.M. took two Lunar observation, Aldebaran W and Regulus East of the moon, their Mean was $5^{\circ} 42' 00''$ at the same time 171° as 171° New rate of going $4^{\circ} 40' 30''$</p> <p>Lat $23^{\circ} 05'$ Long $172^{\circ} 00'$</p>

Ship Cyrus from Cape Horn for the Helena. J. West

Friday Feb^y 16th light variable airs from East round S to West & and calm, headed N 16 E at 9 A.M. down boat and try'd the current found it setting W.B. N 16 in ^{hours} 2 1/2 which accounts for the Long & Observations varying Wind employ'd at painting outside, at making guns &c
Lat 22-30 Long 111-4-42 Long 111-4-45-00 Lunar 5-45-22

Saturday Feb^y 17th light variable winds round the Southern Eastern & Western quarters, and calm, steering NN E when any wind very busily employ'd at painting outside, likewise the boats, made part of our wood-guns shifted several sails repair'd the Mⁿ topsail aloft, our dutch foresail having failed us we bent a new cocoa sail
Lat 21-26 Long 111-4-42 Long 111-4-45-00

Sunday Feb^y 18th very light airs varying frequently all round the compass but continuing longest in the S.W. & at times calm with misty weather steering NN E, employ'd the watch at making guns shifted Mizzen, and Mizzen-staysail
Lat 20-38 Long 111-4-42 Long 111-4-45-00

Monday Feb^y 19th light variable winds and misty baffling weather steering NN E all the fore part middle and latter part frequent Easterly squalls of rain, steered N 28 E employ'd mounted most of our new cannon, built a temporary Jolly-boat for to hang astwart the stern in Naval style at midnight (between squalls) obtain'd a good Lunar observation with the Star Pollux West of the Moon which gave the Longitude considerable to the Wind of the Dead Reckoning, or Chronometer according to its last-found rate of going
Lat 19-29 Longitude 111-4-42 Lunar 5-54-30
Ch^r 4-30-45
Wⁿ 4-42-00

Ship Cyrus's Arrival at St Helena, Paul West Master

Tuesday
February

20th brisk trades and equally from the Eastward standing to the NNE close by the wind, busily employ'd at finishing our new guns painting the masts, finishing and placing our new constructed Jolly boat over the stern, &c. &c. at noon on finding my Lat 17.00 was inclined to steer for St. Helena by the ^W Chⁿ but considering the Long Lunar Obs of Importance I continued my route N Eward close by the wind, and at 4 P.M. saw the Island of St. Helena bearing N E, distance 15^{1/2} at 5 the wind haul'd to SE and allowed me to head towards of the Island. kept a good look out for any strange sail and continued standing E N Eward to the end of these 24 hours at which time the extremes of the I. bore N N W and NNE the centre North 8 or 10 miles distance

Late at moon as usual 17.00 Long P^r { Lunar 5 - 54 - 00
Chⁿ - 4 - 31 - 30
Wⁿ - 4 - 23 - 00

Wednesday
Feb 7

21 gentle S Ely trades and fair, stood to the N E and by the wind
and past about two miles towardward of St. Helena then (at 5
A.M.) run down abreast of North point and hove too for daylight
at 5 dispatched a boat on shore to report, at 8 run in
and came too off James's Valley on 22 fathoms water found
no vessel that wanted convoy, only the Tender Witch of the
Island and Ship Sally trader to the Cape of Good Hope
a fleet having left here about a fortnight ago

Thursday
Feb 2nd

22 fresh S.E. trades and rainy weather took all cables, ropes and
lumber out of the fore hold and cleaned out below, noted a. looked

Friday
Feb 27

23 strong trades and fair through these 24 hours, employ'd at
rattling the rigging &c. a signal made for a strange sail in sight
filled up a stock of coals for passage to England

9. Saturday
Feb. 27

24th - calm and fair in the morning, unmoved and warped in to the inner anchoring and came too again on 14 fathoms water and moved with the length of the main street of the Capital City open to our view, being the usual place occupied by the H^l Ships, came in a small vessel from G^d Hope no other news than account of three Indiamen being taken by the French, two of them carried to Isle of France and the other not taken and now in Table Bay

Ship Cyrus for Convoy at St Helena - West Master

- Sunday 25th February
brisk winds at S E and fair weather laying at St Helena for convoy, people on shore at their own amusement, it being the first time since leaving England, nothing in sight
- Monday 26th Feb^y
brisk trades & fair, took all of our water on board went out, the English ship Sally for C^d Hope and Camperdown took on a tour round the Island
- Tuesday 27th Feb^y
moderate trades and some flights of rain, afterwards fair at noon I attended on a survey of the Luggie hope found her ^{ship} had order, employ'd on board at taring riging and Carpenter at caulking every seam in the sides of the ship, nothing new stirring
- Wednesday 28th Feb^y
gentle trades and fair weather finished taring riging and after hanging the sails, blacked every spar. The Luggie not able to get sail makers, I assisted by cutting out and tacking her sails on board to make, nothing seen from aloft, on shore
- Thursday 1st March
brisk trades and fair came in Ship Granger from C^d Hope bound to the Wst Indies, signal made for another vessel that did not come in, employ'd, riged two lower yards out of the Larboard waist ports secured them to the Main and Foremast-heads, laid on them a platform of spars and filled a few casks of water upon top which being far from the centre of gravity heeled the ship completely bends out upon the Larboard side having finished caulking every part of her upper works
- Friday 2nd March
brisk trades and fair employ'd burnt round the lower course of the bends, and put on a coat of pitch, came in the schooner Atrop of and from Vantucket that had lately been boarded by a French corsair, no other news
- Saturday 3rd March
brisk trades and fair, sailed the ship Granger for the Wst Indies, employ'd stowed away our repairs on deck &c
- Sunday 4th March
brisk trades and fair, people on shore at liberty, no strange sail seen from the heights of St Helena
- Monday 5th March
brisk trades and fair, employ'd bent our sails, blacked the sides &c as necessary, no strange sail about St Helena

Ship comes for Convoy at St Helena, P West Master

- Tuesday 6th March in moderate variable winds blowing (sometimes) direct up J^a Valley flying still for convoy, painted the outside of the waist & cas^t.
- Wednesday 7th March light winds and fair, nothing seen from aloft during this day, employ'd arranged our coats & between decks to better advantage.
- Thursday 8th March light trades and fair at 4 P.M. alarm for two strange sails the Camperdown went out in consequence of their appearance employ'd carpenter at making coops, broke up our bread in the lined room, found it in very good condition for bread that has been out of cask 222 days or more than 7 months.
- Friday 9th March brisk trades and lowry, came in the Ketch Cyene Capt. Keuben Barnard, 10 days from G. Lopez bound to Rio Janeiro, but no accounts of any Kings-ship, employ'd as necessary at making coops and painting inside the bulwarks.
- Saturday 10th March brisk trades and fair, employ'd at painting the inside work, and clearing the cabin of stores and dirt, no sail seen to day.
- Sunday 11th March strong trades and fair all the fore part, at noon rainy and considerable swell on, went on shore and by 8 P.M. the breakers overrun the pier heads at J^a Valley so that I found it dangerous in getting on board again, nothing seen to day.
- Monday 12th March strong trades and dirty weather with a very high surf at the pier of St Helena, employ'd at painting &
- Tuesday 13th March strong trades by day, and variable & calm ^{with rain} at night, with a high swell on that broke tremendously against the piers of St Helena, employ'd at painting, and clearing out between decks, cleaning ship & nothing seen from aloft.
- Wednesday 14th March during the latter part of the night and ^{in the} morning, light variable airs prevail'd, but from 7 A.M. to the end, or midnight we had a regular S.W. trade, the surf continuing to break on the shores with its uncommon violence, it having already washed away the convenient path-ways on the piers, and the stores fallen to ruins. No sail.
- Thursday 15th March winds and weather the same as yesterday the raging sea continuing with unremitting fury against the piers of St Helena employ'd occasionally begun to paint the Cabin, no strange sail seen since the 8th Instant.

Ship Cyrus for Convoy at St Helena. Paul West Master

Wednesday April	11 th	light winds and rainy weather all the fore part sighted our cables and anchors found them without the least damage, moored again precisely in the same place middle and latter part moderate trades & fair
Thursday April	12 th	light winds and fair through the 24 hours at 6 A.M. an alarm for a strange sail, at 2 P.M. it arrived and proved to be the brig Tropic 96 days from Boston, no news employ'd at making a new Mizzen-top sail
Friday April	13 th	brisk trades and fair through the day, finished the Mizzen-top sail, no alarm, nor anything new
Saturday April	14 th	light trades & fair, for the first 4 hours afterwards very light northerly and N.W. by air and calm during the latter part
Sunday April	15 th	light variable airs and calm till 5 A.M. when an alarm was made for several sail, at 9 with a fine breeze, arrived the M. Ships Reasonable, Larwell, and Caledon, together with the H. C. S. Devaynes, having been 18 days from Cape of Hope and bound to England, a frigate, with one transport, and three Indiamen are daily expected from the Cape to join the fleet
Monday April	16 th	brisk trades and very fair but nothing seen from aloft the ships all in the roads waiting for the rest of the fleet
Tuesday April	17 th	light trades and fair, at 5 A.M. an alarm for a strange sail, at 9 it arrived and proved to be the Transport from the C. of Hope for England, nothing new
Wednesday April	18 th	light trades and fair hourly expecting a signal for the appearance of the fleet, but to no purpose
Thursday April	19 th	light trades and fair, but no sail seen for the day the store ship, Ocean sailed for the East Indies
Friday April	20 th	brisk trades & equally at 6 A.M. an alarm for two strange sails, at 10 arrived Ship Cumberland Lt. Seaman Capt. Wm Swain 2000 ^{English} Spinn. on board, at 4 P.M. arrived another from River la Platte
Saturday April	21 st	fresh trades and equally weather but nothing new laying still waiting for Convoy to collect from Cape of Hope Rec'd Instructions of Capt. John Hatley of H. M. Reasonable

Ship Cyrus for Convey at St Helena. Paul West Master

Sunday April	22 nd	Strong trades and squally throughout this day. the Cumberland Capt Swain parted their cable and barely brought up again at the outer edge of the bank, sent my hauler & spare anchor to assist him in holding his situation. nothing seen to day
Monday April	23 rd	Strong trades and squally through the day. but nothing seen from the Island of St Helena
Tuesday	24 th	Strong trades & squally weather. but nothing new at St Helena
Wednesday	25 th	Strong trades and fair waiting for Convey, found my cargo of oil begin to leak more than usual
Thursday	26 th	moderate trades and fair, but nothing new to day
Friday April	27 th	light trades and lowry at 6 A.M. an alarm for a fleet. at 10 arrived the Inconstant Frigate with the H. Ships Breatham, Tottenham, & Ocean from C. Hope for England. nothing very new
Saturday April	28 th	light winds & fair, arrived a brig from C. Hope that had lately separated from the Inconstants Convey. filled up our water and prepared for sea, gave up my instructions from the Reasonable and Recd. other Instructions of the Senior Captain now lying in command which is Capt Dickson of the Inconstant Frigate
Sunday	29 th	brisk trades and fair but very warm on shore, lying waiting for the Indiamen to discharge stores &c
Monday	30 th	brisk trades and fair but no movement to day
Tuesday May	1 st	brisk trades and fair at 6 A.M. signal to unmoor but by the Inconstant Frigate's anchor lying on my mooring cable could not unmoor, apply'd to Capt Dickson (our Commodore) to lift his anchor. at 10 most of the fleet away apply'd a second time on the same subject, at noon the Frigate trip'd her Anchor and took'd my mooring cable which I was oblig'd to weed out, and finally was carried away with her anchor until the Inconstant was in danger of getting foul of the Argo &c, when they found it

Ship *Cyprus* from *St Helena* for *London*, Paul West Master

May - 1 could not be cleared, nor even save their own Anchor so they cut the *Inconstant's* Cable, and left their Anchor entangled with my Cable and Kedge and Mole Anchors in about 30 fathoms water near the Arg. I immediately applied to the Arg. for assistance to get my Moorings, but without obtaining anything more satisfactory than assurance of losing either my mooring Cable and the anchors, or else the *Conway*, as they considered it impossible for me to save both. Of two evils, I chose the least, therefore after waiting for recovering my loss, I weighed and sailed under convoy of *HMS Inconstant*, *Raisonable*, *Charwell*, and *Caledon*, four sail of Indiamen and three other vessels in all twelve sail, at 6 P.M. *St Helena* S S E 12 leagues, steered N N W unburden cables, stowed anchors &c as necessary.

Wednesday 2 light trades varying in the S E q. steering N N W
May - found the *Cumberland* Capt. Swain to sail very dull
the *Caledon* (by signal) took her in tow
Lat 16° 15' N Long 5° 15' W

Thursday 3^d light royal studding sail breezes, some of the
May - fleet with skysails set, the *Charwell* (by signal) took the *Cumberland* S. Seaman in tow that the *Caledon* had parted from last night, the fleet all carried easy sail to enable them to close
Lat 13° 27' N Long 7° 45' W

Friday 4th brisk breezes at S E and hazy continued steering
May - N N W the *Raisonable* took the *Cumberland* in tow that the *Charwell* parted from, Lat 11° 46' N Long 9° 03' W

Saturday 5th brisk trades, and squally by some means (unknown to me) neither of the ships of war took the *Cumberland* in tow more than a few hours, and leaves her astern, the progress retarded very much on that account, steered N 30 W
Lat 9° 58' N Long 10° 52' W

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Ship Cyrus from St Helena for London, Paul West, Master

Saturday May	6 th	strong S E by trades and squally steering N 30 W at noon saw Ascension Island bearing N 20 W distance 5 ^{1/2} past its N E side, landed a Man of War's boat on the N side but made no stop or delay to the fleet OBS Lat 8-08
Monday May	7 th	moderate trades steering N W by N through the ^{hour} 2 ^h at noon the fleet hove to and lay till 3 P M for the Cumberland to join, the Caledon took her in tow, and the fleet continued steering N W by N Lat 7-00 Long W 15-28
Tuesday May	8 th	brisk trades and rainy squalls, found the benefit of having taken off our good sails and putting on old ones, steered N W by N examined our old cable, found it to appear fit for farther use Lat 5-30 S Long W 16-58
Wednesday May	9 th	brisk S E trades, steering N 30 W at 7 A M by signal the Charwell sloop of war relieved the ^{Caledon by taking the} Cumberland in tow weather very fair Lat 5-12 Long W 18-16
Thursday May	10 th	moderate S E trades with some flights of rain steered N 30 W, found the M ⁿ St. George badly sprung, spiked it as necessary Lat 2-50 Long W 19-38, Chr ⁿ 20-47-00
Friday May	11 th	light S E by trades with some showers of rain, but for the most part fair, continuing before the wind N N W set all sail to dry Lat 0-49 S Long { E Lon - 22-13-00 W Lon - 20-39-00
Saturday May	12 th	light winds varying about the S ² q ^{ts} with some rain steering N N W, at times calm oblig'd the Charwell to cast off her tow Lat 00-37 S, Long W 21-27
Sunday May	13 th	light variable winds round the S E and S W q ^{ts} & raining steering North, the Reasonable took the Cumberland in tow Lat 00-48 N Long W 21-47 Variation 13 ^{1/2} W
Monday May	14 th	light winds varying from South, 8 points each way with rain the fleet very much spread until 2 P M. Signal was made to close Lat 1-48 N, Long W 22-00
Tuesday May	15 th	very variable winds both in strength and point of compass generally E by S & calm with much rain, steering North the fleet all in good order of sailing saw nothing new the weather too dirty to admit of doing anything Lat W 3-08 W Long { W Lon - 22-13-00 Chr ⁿ 23-10-15

Ship *Cyrus* from St Helena for London. Paul West Master

Wednesday	16 th	very variable Ely winds and as changeable weather mostly rainy with a tolerable breeze steering North & with a side wind the <i>Cumberland</i> keeps up. Lat 4-49 N th Long 22-40
Thursday	17 th	the first part variable Ely wind with rain but after 8 am the wind proved NE trade like, stood NNW by the wind gave nothing but our fleet Lat 6-11 N th Long 23-10
Friday	18 th	moderate winds in the NE and NNE & a large standing NW by the wind, the <i>Diadem</i> transport and <i>Volunteer</i> skinner proves very dull and detains the fleet very much Lat 7-08 Long 24-07
Saturday	19 th	light NNE winds and hazy trade-like W by the wind the fleet very much detain'd by the vessels above mentioned, at 2 PM two of the M ^{ts} took them in tow Lat 7-35 Long 25-01
Sunday	20 th	brisk NE winds and hazy trade-like W by the wind, the heavy sailers very leewardly caused us to run down off. Lat 8-17 Long 26-19
Monday	21 st	fresh trades between NNE and NE & large standing to the NW by the wind Lat 9-25 Long 27-58
Tuesday	22 ^d	brisk trades all the fore part latter part less wind still prevailing fair NW continued NW by the wind
Wed	23 ^d	all the fleet in Lat 10-27 Long 29-27
Wednesday	23 ^d	unsteady NE trades and hazy W by the wind in C with the fleet Lat 11-43 Long 30-29-15
Thursday	24 th	moderate trades at NE and fair began to alter the yellow paint on the sides, the m ^{ts} proving foul prevented finishing one, stood NNW with the fleet Lat 12-58 Long 31-43
Friday	25 th	strong NE trades and rugged weather making the best of it by the wind to the NW Lat 14-31 Long 32-39
Saturday	26 th	strong NE trades and equally continuing our route to the NW by the wind, no Topgallant sail set these 24 hours, some ships with Royals &c. Lat 16-33 Long 33-35
Sunday	27 th	strong NE trades and equally continuing NW by the wind at 11 AM very clear sky which gave me an opportunity to obtain the correct Longitude by Chronometer and Lunar observation which was { Chronometer 36-05-15 } Lat 18-22 N th { Lunar Obs - 36-08-15 } at noon

Ship Cyrus from St Helena for London, Paul Webb Master

Monday May	28 th	strong N E trades and equally weather, latter part fair, at 7 A.M. saw a strange sail in the N E q ^r , at 8 saw two more at 9 spoke and found it to be the, Sir Godfrey Webster of London	
Var 10-00	28 days out bound to Jamaica he gave us the news but not of new peace or War	Lat 20-10 Long 36-45	Chr ⁿ - 36-45 W ⁿ - 35-17
Tuesday May	29 th	moderate N E trades and fair continuing our course N nd by the wind, latter part light air at NNE and very smooth sea saw plenty of gulf weed Lat 21-50 Long 35-41	
Wednesday	30 th	light Northwesterly airs and calm, at 7 A.M. by signal tack'd ship to the E nd and continued NNE the remaining part, no vessel in tow on a- of baffling winds Lat 22-22 Long 36-01	the sides
Thursday May	31 st	gentle NNE by breezes and fair till 6 A.M. afterwards variable with some rain that spoiled our paint, of yesterday's putting on, at noon two of our fleet, having becalm'd astern, were oblig'd to leave too in a strong E by breeze whilst the Raisable returned to bring them up, by which we lost the breeze, at 6 P.M. with light airs steered NNE Lat 23-04 Long 35-52	
Friday June	1 st	light S E by airs and fair throughout these 24 hours, standing NNE to the best advantage, winds sometimes N E by Lat 23-38 Long 37-50-15	Chr ⁿ - 37-50-15 W ⁿ - 35-52-00
Saturday	2 nd	moderate Easterly breezes and fair, at 10 A.M. the Cumberland falling astern, took her in tow and kept her in the fleet, having light N E by winds and fair standing N nd by the wind Lat 24-56 Long 38-13-30	W ⁿ - 35-52
Sunday	3 rd	light NNE by airs & calm at 3 A.M. cast off the tow, at 9 took her in tow again having a gentle breeze at NNE, at 5 P.M. wind at N E, by signal tack'd ship, at 9 P.M. equally parted their lower & steered by the wind the latter part, all in E Lat 25-38 Long 38-19-30	Chr ⁿ - 38-19-30 W ⁿ - 36-12
Monday	4 th	gentle N E winds and fair standing NNE by the wind throughout these 24 hours, the Raisable took the Cumberland in tow and the Charwell took the Volunteers, employ'd at painting the ward Lat 26-30 Long 39-07	Chr ⁿ - 39-07 W ⁿ - 36-51
Tuesday Long 36-51	5 th	light N E by winds and calm throughout these 24 hours standing to N W to the best advantage, the fleet wide apart Lat 26-48 Long 39-20-15	Chr ⁿ - 39-20-15 W ⁿ - 37-14
Wednesday	6 th	light variable winds and fair steering NNE, the wind mostly in the N W q ^r , obtained the Commodore's permission to communicate occasionally with the Seamen in the fleet painted the masts &c. Lat 27-01 Long 39-31-15	Chr ⁿ - 39-31-15 W ⁿ - 37-04

Ship *Cyrus* from *St Helena* for *London*. *Paul West*, Master

- Thursday 7th June - moderate S^W Westerly winds and changeable weather, at 7 A.M. saw a Brig N^NW of us, by signal the *Caledon* examined her, she proved an American vessel deep laden bound S^S E^W and returned N^W E. Lat 28-18 Long 39-45
 { Chron - 39-45
 Lunar - 38-38-42
 Alt - 37-04
- Friday 8th June - brisk W^NW wind standing N^N E^W with all light sails set the *Raisonnee* towing the *Cumberland* and the *Charwell* towing the *Whitby* brig, Lat 29-52 Long 39-20-30
 { Chron - 39-20-30
 Lunar - 38-36-00
 Alt - 36-51-00
- Saturday 9th June - brisk Westerly winds steering N^W E and fair till 7 A.M. when the weather proved squally to the end of the 24 hours, two of the fleet carried away their top gallant masts Lat 31-29 Long 36-40
- Sunday 10th June - moderate winds varying from the W^W to S^W, E^W, and to N^N E steering N^W E when the winds admitted, two vessels still in tow, both the gulf-weed in Lat about 31, ends nothing new Lat 33-45 Long 36-40
- Monday 11th June - moderate Northerly winds and hazy, too W^W till 4 A.M. then by signal tack'd to the E^W at 8 wind at West, signal made to steer N^N E, at 5 P.M. to steer N^E N Lat 34-26 Long 36-51 opened our sail room of 7 butts, & 5 fl^{ts} of bread and flour, found it as dry and warm as an oven but full of meawels, and worms, therefore thoroughly convinced that nothing will keep b^d & fl^{ts} but tight casks
- Tuesday 12th June - brisk W^NW winds and squally steering N^E N till noon when winds varied to N^W W and remain'd throughout with some smart squalls, the Volunteer brokered *Top Sail* & by signal I spoke and a pisted her with my spirit sail - hard to replace it, at 8 A.M. split our old Mizⁿ Top sail, all to pieces bent another sail in lieu, Lat 36-25 Long 38-47
 { Alt - 35-25
 Chron - 38-47
- Wednesday 13th June - strong winds at North & squally, standing E^N E^W by the wind at 4 A.M. saw a large ship N^N E of us, she appeared to be a Man of War by signal the *Caledon* went to overhaul her and return'd at 3 P.M. repair'd sails &c Lat 37-05 Long 38-31-00
 { Alt - 38-31-00
 Chron - 37-05-15
- Thursday 14th June - strong winds at N and squally, standing E^N E^W by the wind with fore & Mizⁿ T^{op} G^{allant} down, latter part moderate wind at North, up yards &c Lat 37-27 Long 31-54
- Friday 15th June - light winds between N^N W & N^N E and fair through the 24 hours headed N^E E^W by the wind, shifted sails as necessary, examined our powder and shot, filled more cartridges and placed twelve rounds (or 120 charges) right at hand aired the powder &c Lat 38-01 Long 30-40
 { Alt - 30-40
 Chron - 38-34-40

Ship Cyrus from St Helena for London. Paul Webb, Master

Saturday June	17	light variable airs and calm throughout these 24 hours. lying stationary saw a strange sail E by S 1/2 S, at 10 P.M. spoke her the schooner Lady Hope of Norwich from Cadix for Boston nothing more Lat 38-01 Long 30-40 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Al}^n 32-45-45 \\ \text{Ch}^n \end{array} \right.$
Sunday	18	first part light winds at West steering NNE, one ship became astern, at noon hove to, & lay 3 hours till the fleet had collected then steered NNE, the Men of War spoke a vessel from Boston for Lisbon Lat 39-01 Long 30-40 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Al}^n 34-00-00 \\ \text{Ch}^n \end{array} \right.$
Monday	19	brisk winds at WSW and hazy continued steering NNE till noon, then by signal steered ENE, at 6 P.M. an ugly sea obliged us to take in our g.c. boat Lat 41-38 Long 31-26 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Al}^n 33-36 \\ \text{Ch}^n \end{array} \right.$
Tuesday	20	brisk winds at WSW steering ENE, all the fleet in C., the Reasonable took the Cumberland in tow, and the Harwell took the Volunteer the swell high from the NW, Lat 43-16 Long 31-26 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Al}^n 27-57 \\ \text{Ch}^n \end{array} \right.$
Wednesday	20	brisk Westerly winds and an ugly swell from NNE steered ENE rig'd in the double jibboom, and repaired the jib & foreail at noon, signal for to steer East, at 2 P.M. to steer ENE again Lat 44-58 Long 28-36 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Al}^n 25-35 \\ \text{Ch}^n \end{array} \right.$
Thursday	21	light winds varying from NW round N and E at 10 A.M. wind at ESE with rain, at 3 P.M. wind at NW steered East, at 8 light NW & Northerly winds & thick W. the fleet all in C. Lat 46-00 Long 24-13 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Al}^n 22-51 \\ \text{Ch}^n \end{array} \right.$
Friday	22	light winds baffling about the N. g.c. with rainy W. and an ugly cross sea on steering East, at 6 A.M. calm and a very short sea from the SW at noon took the wind Easterly with rain, at 8 P.M. moderate Westerly winds steered East Lat 46-34 Long 26-28-30 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Al}^n 22-51 \\ \text{Ch}^n \end{array} \right.$
Saturday	23	brisk Westerly winds and fair weather but an ugly cross sea on steering East, repaired sails &c found the Cyrus to require a double quantity of sail to hold her station, which is on account of the bad state of her copper Lat 47-18 Long 20-11 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Al}^n 23-55 \\ \text{Ch}^n \end{array} \right.$
Sunday	24	moderate NW by W winds and fair clear W. steering E but a very rugged cross sea on at 3 A.M. found the Lady by a star W of the Moon, and at 8 by the Sun East of her the two agreeing nearly & note their mean, at 2 P.M. saw a Frigate the Caledon spoke her Lat 48-12 Long 17-25 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Al}^n 20-39 \\ \text{Ch}^n 20-47 \end{array} \right.$
Monday June	25	moderate NW and NE winds and fair but cloudy weather steering E by S through the 24 hours, several ships communicating established signals with the Cumberland, repaired sails &c Lat 48-31 Long 15-28 Lunar 18-19 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Al}^n 18-27 \\ \text{Ch}^n \end{array} \right.$

Ship *Caryus* from St. Helena for London. Paul West Master

Tuesday 26th June moderate N.W. winds & fair steering E.B.S. afternoon I run ahead try'd at 4 and at 8 P.M. for bottom, found none with the *Caledon* boarded and examined a strange brig, the colour of the sea very green Lat 28-44 Long 12-28, Lunar 15-15 (L^o 16-00)

Wednesday 27th June brisk winds at N.N.E. and lowry weather steering E.B.S. and East, ran ahead and try'd at 8 A.M. at noon & at 4 P.M. for bottom but found none with 160 line, saw a large boat lying in the sea, bottom uppermost, appeared to have been a long time lost (at least two months) sea very rugged prevented me from a further knowledge of her, at 6 thick M^o join'd the fleet Lat 29-03 Long 10-22 P^o Chr^o 13-12 P^o Lunar 12-53

Thursday 28th June brisk Northerly winds and squally weather steering E.B.S. at 4 A.M. sounded and being first in the fleet obtained soundings 79 fathoms at 8 light wind, after 2nd calm at noon 76 f^m with fine white sand with black specks, three strange sail in sight the *Caledon* in chase, but very light variable airs, laying on the outer edge of the bank Lat 29-23 Long 10-32 P^o Chr^o 10-39 P^o Lunar 10-30
Silly light N 79 E 166 miles from 79 fathoms
Having found the Long & Lunar Observation precisely correct as I ever have before in distant parts of the world

Friday 29th June light variable airs and calm, smooth sea at 5 A.M. Rec'd a visit of the First Lieutenant of H.M.S. *Inconstant* who mustered my crew and impressed five of my best men into His Majesty's service, leaving my ship in a defenceless state, at 6 had 82 fathoms water at noon light S.W. winds saw a portuguese schooner which the *Charwell* examined continued steering E.S.E. all the fleet in company, employed stocked and fixed the third anchor over the chains, masted the bows and bent the cables &c Lat 29-11 Long 10-00-00

Saturday 30th June light S.W. winds and fair steering E.S.E. at 8 A.M. the *Volunteer* left us for Milford, saw several strange sail, and fish-boats one a suspicious privateer brig, in the S.E. at 6 P.M. had 53 fathoms water, coarse sand and shells, saw Silly Isles, lighted &c, bearing N.B.E. distance 4 leagues, wind at S.E. stood on till 11 P.M. then Silly light N.N.W. by signal tack'd off the fleet far apart, at 1 P.M. obtained the Long P^o Chr^o by which Silly bore N.E. 2 1/2 miles, which at 6 was proved to be within four miles of the Ship's true place O^o Lat 29-15 at noon

Ship Cyrus's arrival in England, Paul West, Master

- Sunday July 1st first part moderate ESE by winds & calm dirty weather at noon light SW winds, steered ESE at 1 PM saw the Lizard NNE 6 or 7 leagues distant, at 6 spoke the cutter Nancy of Dover put letters on board, nothing particular new
- Monday July 2nd gentle SW winds continuing EBS with the fleet at AM saw Start point NEN 6 leagues, at noon the fleet hoisted and by signal I boarded the Commodore & Recd orders to proceed and join the Raisonné for the Downs, at 6 PM the Bill of Portland North 4 leagues, the weather hazy with brisk wind at SW and the Men of War astern, large too and at 8 all the rest of the fleet past me, and no Men of War in sight, joined the Streatham, Devaynes, &c and continued with them throughout these 24 hours steering EBS
- Tuesday July 3rd brisk SW winds and hazy, at 4 AM saw Dungeness North 4 or 5 leagues likewise saw all of the fleet except the Men of War, not one of them yet up within view continued EBS in E as before at 8 the Raisonné came up with the fleet, at 11 Beachy North, at 2 PM Dungeness North two miles, met a Deal Pilot boat and took a Pilot for London, stood up Channel with fresh southerly winds and very thick weather at 4 PM came too in the Downs on 13 water, the S^t Foreland Lights So W and Nth Foreland do NNE, and was boarded by three different Men of War's boats that took all prepayable Men at 8 PM winds more W by without rain
- Wednesday July 4th strong Westerly winds with double reef squalls, at 6 AM took six men from Deal, weigh'd anchor and on running through the Gull stream past within hail of a French lugger privateer that had been taken off the Nth Foreland only 12 hours before; ply'd up the Queens Channel and at 2 PM came too off the Blacktail, just below the River after narrowly escaping the loss of Howesport and perhaps Foreman's head, and everything forward by the Orion Wth Indiaman ^{ago} the winds fresh at NW & equally prevented taking the advantage of the night flood.

Conclusion of a Voyage in Ship Cyrus. Paul West, Master

Thursday July	5 th	brisk wind at N.N.W. & squally, at 8 A.M. on the flood weigh'd and ply'd up the Tvin. and entered River Thames winds very light & variable, at 4 P.M. came too in old haven took in our spare anchor & reduced her hawse by unrigging 2 jibboom, sprits-y ^d &c. Rec'd a Quarantine visit
Friday July	6 th	light W.S.W. winds & fair at 10 A.M. weigh'd on the floor and ply'd up against a strong W. wind took a River pilot and releas'd the other at high water came too in long reach and lay till the end of the 24 hours was searched by proper officers for that purpose
Saturday July	7 th	calm, took the flood weigh'd & at 5 A.M. with the assistance of boats reached (Woolwich) at noon weigh'd again and at 3 P.M. got the Cyrus safe moored in Ratcliff cross-tier dismiss'd the Pilot & hired Men
Sunday July	8 th	fair weather laying in the tier at leisure engaged Men to clear the Ship
Monday	9 th	a new gang came on board and unrig'd the Ship sent part of the sails on shore, &c. as necessary, entered the Ship inwards
Tuesday	10 th	prepared for discharging Cargo
Wed	11 th	begun to discharge
Th	12 th	for the want of a landwaiter was oblig'd to stop discharging
F	13 th	laid entirely still, weather very squally & dirty
Sat	14 th	for the first time, landed part of our Cargo
Sunday	15 th	50 tons of our Cargo in lighters waiting the Custom House meter
Monday	16 th	no land waiter to be had, laid entirely still
Tuesday	17 th	begun discharging again, weather fair
Wednesday	18 th	made but slow progress towards getting all out
Thursday	19 th	landed considerable part of our Cargo
Fri	20 th	finished the slow work of discharging Cargo put it all into lighters but could not get a landwaiter this week
Saturday	21 th	
Sunday	22 th	the last of the cargo in a lighter
Monday	23 th	landed the remaining part of the Cargo and left the Cyrus lying in Ratcliff cross-tier and gave up the Command and charge of her to the Owners of her. thus, completely ends my Journal.

